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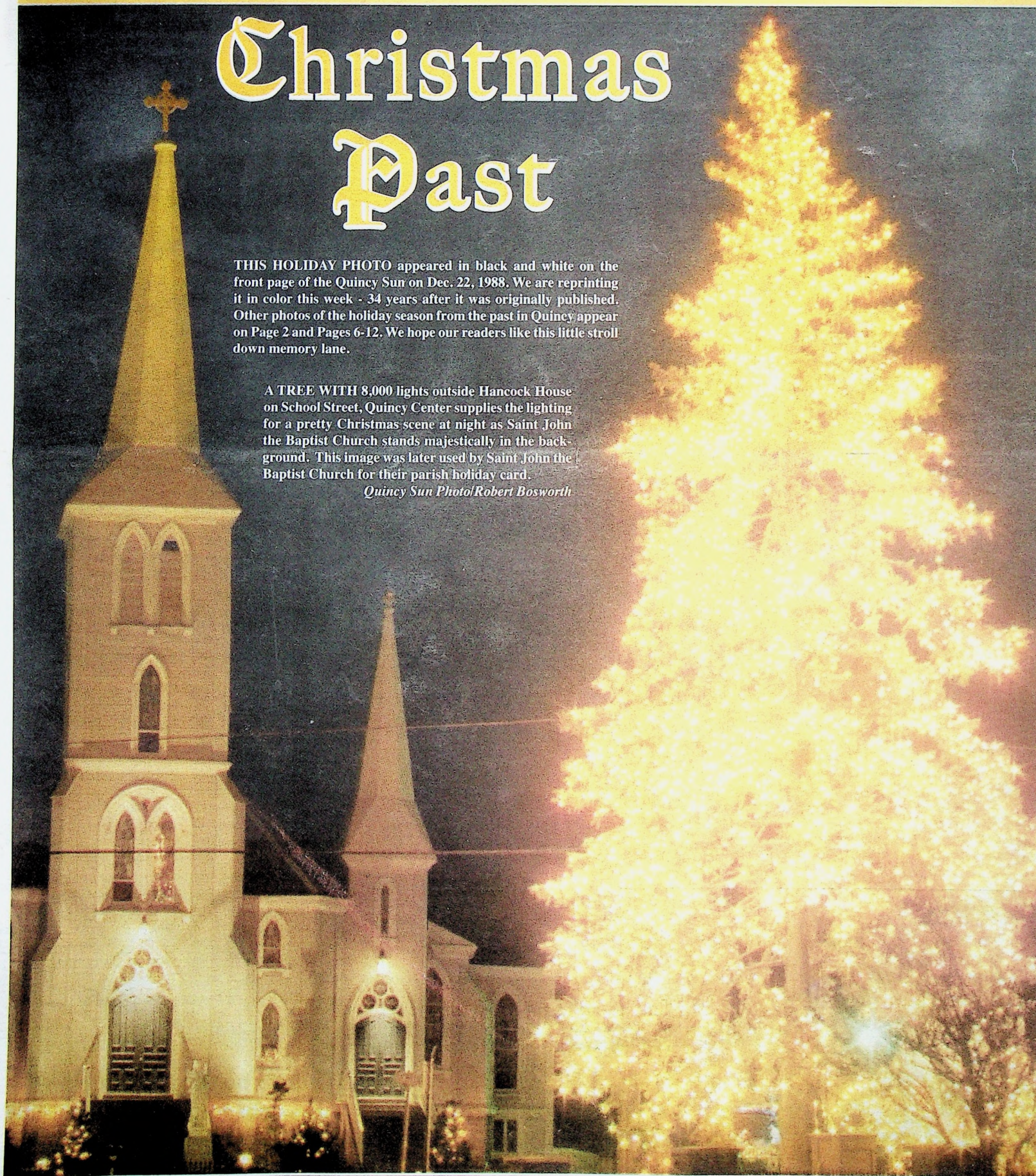
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Christmas Past

THIS HOLIDAY PHOTO appeared in black and white on the front page of the Quincy Sun on Dec. 22, 1988. We are reprinting it in color this week - 34 years after it was originally published. Other photos of the holiday season from the past in Quincy appear on Page 2 and Pages 6-12. We hope our readers like this little stroll down memory lane.

A TREE WITH 8,000 lights outside Hancock House on School Street, Quincy Center supplies the lighting for a pretty Christmas scene at night as Saint John the Baptist Church stands majestically in the background. This image was later used by Saint John the Baptist Church for their parish holiday card.

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HOLIDAY THROWBACK – Photo from the 1984 Quincy Christmas Parade shows a “Merry Christmas” float sponsored by the Quincy Center Business and Professional Association in front of the Bargain Center on Hancock Street in Quincy Center. More holiday scenes from yesteryear appear on Pages 6-12. *Quincy Sun File Photo*

Board OKs Lodging Home License, 2 Other Licenses

By **SCOTT JACKSON**

During its most recent meeting, the city’s licensing board granted three requests for licenses.

The Board of License Commissioners approved the requests during its meeting on Dec. 6.

The first item approved

was Copeland Living LLC’s request for a lodging home license for the premises at 49 Copeland St. following a change of ownership of

an existing licensed lodging home. Minor improvements to the property are planned.

The board also approved the request of FPS Libations

LLC d/b/a Presidential Liquors, 25 Scammell St., for a change in ownership interest and LLC managers for its existing all-alcohol retail license. The changes were sought because one current manager of the LLC has a relative who works for the IRS, which prevented the store from getting a lottery license from the state.

The third item approved was the request of P&D Indian Street Food for a cabaret license for the premises at 17 Beale St. The approval is contingent on the restaurant obtaining a new occupancy permit from the city showing any changes to the floor plan.

During the meeting, City Clerk Nicole Crispo, the board’s chairperson, provided a reminder about the hours for alcohol sales for Christmas. Retail stores cannot sell alcohol on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, but can remain open until 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Restaurants cannot sell alcohol until noon on Christmas Day. The state’s “happy hour” rules also remain in effect during the holiday season.

The Dec. 6 meeting was Jay Duca’s last as a member of the licensing board. The city’s longtime director of inspection services and the licensing board’s vice chairperson, Duca is retir-

ing.

Crispo congratulated Duca on his forthcoming retirement and wished him well in the future.

“We are so happy for you that you will be retiring and wish you so much good during your retirement years. I know you spent 18 years with this board and 22 years with the city, and we still hope to see you consulting time to time. We really appreciate all you’ve done for this board. You’ve been an outstanding member and I wish you well, my friend, I really do. I hope you have a wonderful retirement,” Crispo said.

“You’ve been an outstanding member and I will miss you as my vice chair. All the best to you during your retirement years.”

“Well said,” added Fire Chief Joseph Jackson, “It’s been nice working with you, Jay. Congratulations.”

Duca said he was honored to have spent nearly two decades on the board.

“It’s been an honor and a pleasure, really, to sit on the city license board for the city of Quincy. It’s a great community and this board does so much good work on behalf of the community,” Duca said. “I’d like to thank Mayor Koch for keeping me on from year-to-year to serve the citizens of Quincy, so thank you.”

Squantum School Students Support Local Veterans



IN THE MONTH of November, Squantum School 5th Grade Student Council collected items for care packages and money to support local veterans. The council was proud to present a check for \$307 to Beth Chencharik from Quincy Veterans Services. From left to right: Spencer Chasse, Dottie LeMay, Beth Chencharik, Ruqaya Alzubaidy and Alex Rychalsky. *Courtesy Photo*



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Councillors OK Two Property Measures

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors recently approved two separate items to relinquish interests the city held on properties in Wollaston.

Both measures were approved by a vote of 7-0 on Dec. 5. Ward 5 Councillor Charles Phelan Jr. recused himself from the two matters.

The first item – introduced by Mayor Thomas Koch and Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain – was the abandonment of a 25-foot wide, 84-foot long strip of land along Lincoln Avenue near

its intersection of South Central Avenue. The city will receive \$10 from the owner of the abutting home for the land.

When Lincoln Avenue was first laid out, the road and adjoining sidewalks were to extend all the way to South Central Avenue, but one of those sidewalks was never constructed, City Solicitor Jim Timmins said. The previous owner of the abutting home maintained a strip of grass where the sidewalk would have been installed.

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Wollaston Beach Friends To Host Open House, Toy Drive Thursday

The Friends of Wollaston Beach invite the public to its Holiday Open House and Dick Herbert Holiday Toy Drive on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hancock Tavern, 668 Hancock St., Wollaston.

FWB invites members and the public to stop by and drop off new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to needy children through Interfaith Social Services. Not sure what to buy? Gift cards and monetary donations are a perfect alternative and would be greatly appreciated.

Gift cards and checks can be dropped off at the Open House (or at Interfaith, 105 Adams St., Quincy). Checks should be made payable to Interfaith Social Services with Friends of Wollaston Beach in the memo section.

Enjoy a slice of pizza and engage in some quality time and good conversation.

The Friends of Wollaston Beach membership drive is in full swing. All new and renewing members (\$10/year) will be entered into a drawing for the following:

- 1 year subscriptions to the Quincy Sun (donated by

Bob Bosworth) – value \$40-\$50 each.

- Gift certificate Lori Scott Yoga (donated by Lori Scott) – value \$25

- Gift Certificates to Confectionately Yours (donated by Maureen Mazrimas) – value \$15 each

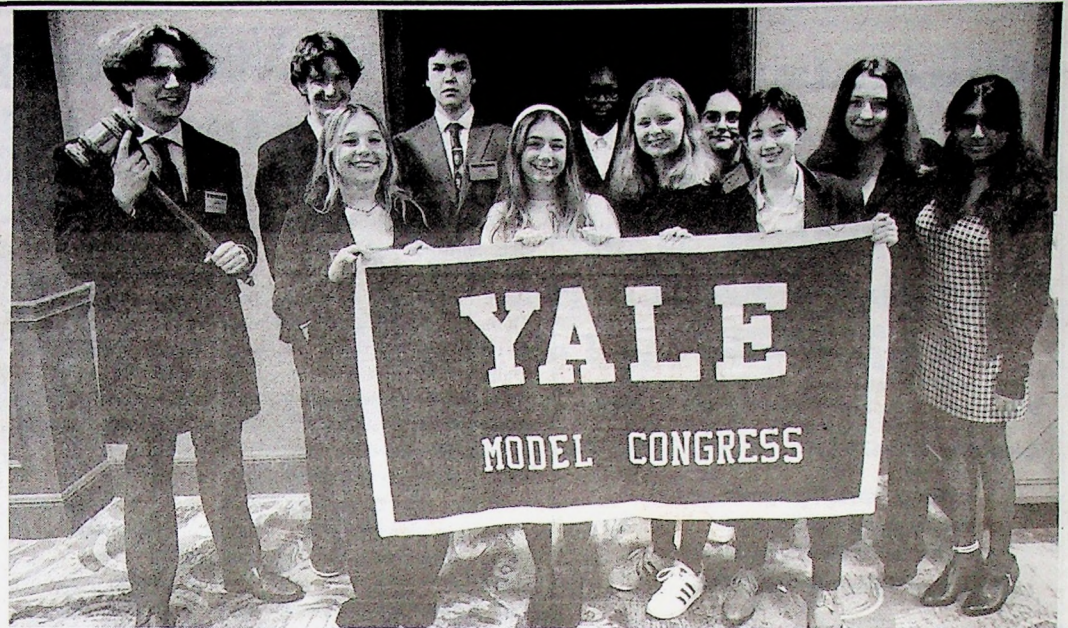
- Bottle of clean crafted wine from Scout & Cellar (donated by Christine Kuhn) value \$20-\$30

- Beach games (e.g., ring toss) value \$15-24.

Winners will be chosen at the Shamrock Splash in March of 2023. How about giving a membership to a family member/friend as a stocking stuffer.

For further information, contact FWB president Maureen Mazrimas at 617-257-8295 or by email at FriendsWollastonBeach@gmail.com. Also, be sure to visit FWB's website at FriendsOfWollaston.com.

"We hope to see you Dec. 15 to renew old acquaintances, get in the holiday spirit and help put a smile on the face of a child and his/her extended family! Happy Holidays," said Friends President Maureen Mazrimas.



QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL students participated in Yale's 29th Model Congress (YMC) from Dec. 1-4. Front row, left to right: Amber Doyle, Skyla Whelan, Emma Bateman and Abigail Driscoll. Back row: Robert Mbrice, Nathan Feldman, Max Francouer, Darryl Gray, Mina Altikriti, Charlotte McConville and Navya Ramesh. Courtesy Photo

Quincy High Students Attend Yale's Model Congress

Quincy High School (QHS) students participated in Yale's 29th Model Congress (YMC) from Dec. 1-4.

Yale Model Congress is totally operated by "Yale undergraduates who hope

to foster an appreciation for American democracy in high school students and inspire them to be active citizens."

QHS's delegation successfully passed legislation in both Committees and in

the full House and Senate. Delegates researched, wrote, and debated proposed laws including expanding armaments for Ukraine, aiding Haitian immigrants, revitalizing urban mass transit, en-

couraging trade programs in high school, regulating nitrogen fertilizers, and reducing the cost of prescription drugs. Delegations from over 30 schools in the northeast were in attendance.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Dec. 28, 1900, Mrs. Lulu Jenkins, of Chicago, was paid \$4,000 in compensation for the lynching of her husband in Ripley County, Indiana. Mr. Jenkins allegedly was involved in the theft of a horse and ended up the victim of a furious mob. Two other men were killed as well.
- On Dec. 31, 1943, Henry John Deutschendorf, better known to us today as singer-songwriter, actor John Denver, was born. In a four-decade career before his untimely death in an airplane crash, he won worldwide affection and acclaim not just for his music but for his dedication to humanitarian and environmental causes.
- On Jan. 1, 1962, the U.S. Navy SEALs unit was created. Their elite members (only about 20% actually make it that far) are trained to operate in urban, desert and jungle locations and to withstand torture.
- On Dec. 26, 1966, the first Kwanzaa celebrations began in America, with the holiday continuing until Jan. 1. Created by activist, author and professor of African studies Dr. Maulana Karenga, the annual event, which affirms African family and social values, was originally intended to replace Christmas for Africans.
- On Dec. 30, 1984, speleologists (cave studiers/explorers) in the Mexican state of Oaxaca landed upon what was then thought to possibly be the world's deepest cave after going through a maze of underground tunnels in the jungle.
- On Dec. 27, 1994, Rwanda's president died in a plane crash and the African country was plunged into a genocidal blood bath in which the Hutu majority slaughtered the Tutsis, leaving half a million dead. A distraught missionary exclaimed of the carnage: "There are no devils left in hell. They are all in Rwanda."
- On Dec. 29, 2011, Russian authorities discovered a large amount of a rare caviar stored in, of all places, a morgue in St. Petersburg. A businessman and morgue attendant were arrested but claimed that the caviar was being kept for a personal New Year's celebration.

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Source: "The Future of Frankincense" by Davidson-Bongers-Phillips

- Brenda Weaver

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Parents Voice Support For Teachers; Supt. Hopeful Contract Is Close

By SCOTT JACKSON

More than a dozen parents showed their support for the city's teachers during a recent meeting of the Quincy School Committee as the school board and the Quincy Education Association continue to negotiate a new contract.

In response to those comments, Supt. Kevin Mulvey said the school board is bargaining in good faith, expressed optimism that the matter could be resolved this month, and described many of the claims made by parents as "flatly false."

Eight parents spoke during the open forum portion of the School Committee's meeting on Dec. 7 - a meeting that began with the committee convening behind closed doors in executive session for an hour. Nine letters, all of them supporting the Quincy Education Association, were read into the record as well.

Those parents who spoke at the meeting said the teachers are seeking a better parental leave policy, changes to the longevity pay structure, and caseload caps for special education teachers and specialists.

"First, thank you for offering our teachers a fair wage increase. But, anyone that has ever worked for a union knows - and I know as a former union worker - that the devil is in the details of the contracts," said Gina Favata, a Fenno Street resident. "Those little details are the pieces that keep people in their jobs, protect workers from unfair practices. The details are the quality of life pieces that keep employees from burning out and moving on."

"Parental leave, longevity pay, and caseload caps are details that matter."

Amy Bacchieri, a Hobomack Road resident, said she taught English in the district for 18 years but had to resign last year "because the work load and the stress load was actually unsustainable for our family," though her husband continues to teach in the school system.

"My former colleagues are asking for help to ad-

dress the working conditions issues that are dragging teachers like me to burnout and to leave. They are asking for things that are not only reasonable but necessary," Bacchieri said. "They are the ones who know what the district needs, so why are we not listening to them? They are asking for support they desperately need to make this job manageable and ultimately better for our children."

Melissa Ricci of Barbour Terrace, a speech language pathologist in a nearby school district, said educators are leaving Quincy because of high caseloads.

"Of course the SLPs and other service providers are leaving Quincy to go to other towns - of course they are. Please don't tell us of here, the parents in Quincy, that the reasons for the vacancies is the labor shortage," Ricci said. "This has been going on for a long time in Quincy. These high caseloads and workloads have been a problem in Quincy for...a long, long time."

"Until the caseloads and workloads become reasonable, we are not going to draw the talented teachers we need to come work for us. We are not going to keep the talented staff that we already have."

Liz Speakman, a Merrymount Road resident and the co-chair of the Citywide PTO, said the organization stands by Quincy's educators just as those teachers stood by students during the pandemic.

"We are here to stand with them. When they say they need something from us as a community, from us as parents, we stand ready to say, 'what do you need, how can we help?' and that is the showing that we have here tonight and the many letters that we got submitted," Speakman said.

"These are the courageous folks who are willing to speak publicly, and the folks that have childcare and who weren't having to work. There are so many other parents out there who don't have the capacity or

ability to show up tonight that stand with our teachers because we love them and we are so grateful for every minute that they put into our kids."

Following the comments at open forum, Mulvey said the School Committee and Quincy Education Association have held ten bargaining sessions since June. The two sides were scheduled to meet on Nov. 28, but that session was continued at the union's request, he said, and will meet again on Dec. 21. The school board had agreed, he added, to limit commentary on what was said during those sessions to avoid a public battle.

"Our goal is to continue to negotiate in good faith and to do so respectfully and not to get into public commentary - which, by the way, I have to say a lot of the commentary that you heard tonight is just not true, flatly false," Mulvey said.

The superintendent said Quincy has some of the lowest class sizes in the state. Mulvey said he and his leadership team work daily and late into the night, "to make sure that our class sizes are reasonable [and] that our caseloads are effective for our students." The school board provides additional funding, when needed, to keep class sizes low, he added, and "has done so year in and year out."

While the district is looking to hire additional paraprofessionals and substitutes, Mulvey said there is currently just one vacant teaching position. That position, an informational technology teacher, is something five other nearby districts are also looking to fill, he said. Quincy has worked with Granite Telecommunications to bring in experts in the IT field to teach those students.

The district offers parental leave as well as unlimited use of sick time to care for sick family members, Mulvey said, and longevity pay. James Mullaney, the district's director of business affairs, said there are two different longevity plans for educators. Eligible teachers

who participate in Longevity Plan B are eligible to receive payments totaling \$15,500 during their final three years of employment.

In closing, Mulvey said he was hopeful both sides could come to an agreement soon.

"We will get there, but we just ask for patience, we ask for respect and we ask for the ground rules to be followed and we ask for honesty. But, to bring allegations in open forum that are just not true, allegations that make it look like Quincy does not have the students' best interest in heart, is just totally unfortunate, unfounded and I hope we don't see it again," Mulvey said.

"We are here to bargain in good faith. This body has done that from the very beginning, we are committed to doing that moving forward, and I hope we can reach a resolution on Dec. 21."

Mayor Thomas Koch, who is the chairperson of the school board, said he too was optimistic the two sides could reach an accord. Koch reiterated that he would not accept a contract that gave teachers a lower salary increase than what police and firefighters received this fall; those unions agreed to new three-year contracts with 3 percent annual raises.

"I hope that we can get there. I've said that I always treat everybody equally from my position. Salary, I would not accept anything less than [what] everybody else got for teachers by any means," Koch said.

The mayor also questioned the Massachusetts Teachers Association's involvement in the bargaining process.

"I do question some of the motives and some of the perhaps influence the MTA has over the QEA. That troubles me a little bit. We're into one session or two sessions, and the membership are wearing shirts in June, different colored shirts to send a message? What's the message?" Koch said, adding the most recent

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READERS FORUM

Quincy: A Diversity Leader Among Its Peers

As I read the alleged attack on the Asian-American, I wondered how long it would take for the "diversity flag" to be waved; not long I see.

Diversity in the City of Quincy has been a cornerstone of which this city can be proud. Those who made this city what it is today arrived from every corner of this world, that's diversity. We are a city of diversity in our culture and understanding. I do not believe one man's alleged act should be a battle cry for something that has been a standard in Quincy.

Diversity, Quincy, was the first city amongst the 351 in the Commonwealth that incorporated multiple Asian languages into their election process. That is only one of many programs that the city has dedicated to embracing those different cultures.

Certainly we have a ways to go, but far from having our head in the sand. This City can stand tall amongst its peers when it comes to diversity.

Richard S. Churchill

Quincy

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A real photo postcard reproduction showing Quincy Center from Granite Street in the foreground south down Hancock Street towards School Street. Last minute Christmas shopping is nothing new; this picture was taken at 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve in 1938; 20 years before this became known as Shopperstown. On the right, Thom McAn's shoe store had just moved up the street to this corner where it stayed for over 50 years. In 1938, they had over 650 stores across the country.

Today they are all closed, but shoes are still sold under that brand name. Further down on the right were Carroll's Cut Rate Store and the Lincoln, Fanny Farmer and Kresge Stores. Across Hancock Street on the left were A&P and First National grocery stores and the Sanborn & Damon's hardware store. The vertical sign was Morgan's Furniture Store.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Holiday Season Eye Safety

By Dr. CAROLANN SPERANZO, DHS, RDO

'Tis the season for wreaths, Christmas trees, decorative lights, and more. As you enjoy the festivities, remember your eyesight is an ongoing gift that should be protected.

The beauty of the Christmas tree appears as you decorate with lights and ornaments. Always be alert as branches and pine needles can scratch or lodge in your eyes. Candles and menorahs light up homes. Using flameless or battery powered ones prevent risk of thermal burns to the eyes and eyelids.

Celebrations over the holidays include refreshments and many enjoy champagne. Opening champagne bottles should be done with care – using a towel to catch the cork and of course, pointing the bottle away from everyone ensures protection from straying corks that pop at near 50 mph (Hopkinsmedicine.org).

Toys are perhaps the best items to give and receive. According to a recent study as many as 96% of parents disregard age labels that correlate with children's developmental abilities. These recommendations for toys prevent possible misuse of a toy that could cause eye injury. Parental supervision is needed particularly with projectile toys as well as paintball and foam-dart-shooting guns that are promoted as safe yet often result in eye injuries.

While ultraviolet radiation during the winter may not seem important, glare from snow actually may double the

normal spring/summer exposure. Sun ultraviolet rays are both UVA that may damage the macula at the back of the eye and UVB that may threaten the cornea and lens. Quality sunglasses with enhancements to filter 99% to 100% of ultraviolet rays provide protection and comfort. They are worth the investment since poor quality sunglasses cause the eye pupils to widen to see through dark lenses but without the proper filtering actually expose the eyes to more damaging light rays. Good quality sunglasses, prescription or non-prescription may cost more but fit better, are adjustable, and last longer.

Awareness of these issues and precautions ensure a safe and happy holiday season with eye comfort and protection so you can enjoy the beauty of holiday lights and the fun of winter activities.

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Councillors OK Two Property Measures

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Timmins said the issue came to the city's attention after someone purchased the home and approached the city with plans to expand the existing house on site. The abandonment of the strip of land would allow the new homeowner to do so and will not interfere will

Lincoln Avenue, the solicitor said.

The second measure, introduced by Koch, authorizes the city to waive a right of first refusal it holds on parking lot on Wentworth Road, which would allow the city to purchase the land for \$10,000. The city will get \$10 in consideration for

waiving that right.

Timmins said the right of first refusal was first established in a November 1995 decision by the Land Court. He said it was unclear why the city had participated in that case; the city has no records of it and Timmins called the court's records "a little bit dicey."

The solicitor said he had been approached by Ed Fleming, an attorney for the current owner of the property who is "planning to move forward with something

there."

Councillor Nina Liang said any potential development on site would first need to be vetted by the city.

"I don't see the need for spending \$10,000 of the city's money for a plot of land we have zero plans for," she said. "I know there are things in place, like the planning board and the zoning board, for the approval process before anything does move forward, so there are those protections in place."

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1955
67 Years Ago

Mayor To Ask Fill From River Dredging Be Used On Meadows

Mayor Amelio Della Chiesa received a request today from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers asking the city to designate where it wants fill from the Town River dredging project placed.

Mayor Della Chiesa said that the city would ask that most of the fill be placed on Broad Meadows. The city may also ask that some be placed on the Mound Street Beach providing the material is suitable.

The Army Engineers expect to advertise for bids around the first of the year.

BROADMEADOWS SCHOOL CONTRACT

The general contract for building the Broadmeadows Junior High School was awarded by City Manager Donald H. Blatt to James S. Kelliher of Quincy who submitted the lowest bid of a dozen general contractors seeking the work.

Mr. Kelliher built both the Quincy Health Center and the Trade School addition. His bid for the 750-pupil junior high school was \$1,334,491, more than \$20,000 under the second lowest bid furnished by Concrete Construction Company of Everett.

The contract called for starting the work no later than Dec. 30 this year and completion by March 30, 1957.

Total cost of the school including subcontractors' bids came to \$1,758,000.

COUNCIL OK'S SQUANTUM MARSH TAKING

The long fight by Squantum residents was won last night when the City Council voted to take the property for recreational purposes by a vote of 5-to-1.

Councillor David J. Crowley voted against the taking. Councillor Carl W. Anderson was absent and the other five members of the council voted for it. The council also appropriated \$6,800 to pay for the taking.

Councillor Crowley objected to the passage on the grounds that the new order was before the council for the first time, but Mayor Della Chiesa ruled that the question was properly before the council for action.

QUINCYISMS

Grossman's, 130 Granite St., was offering: "Tricycles, Regular Price \$13.98 for \$6.99 and Doll Carriages, Regular Price \$12.98 for \$6.99"... Peter and Paul Shea, 14-month old twins of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Shea, were at the annual Christmas Party at the Wollaston Golf Club... Szathmary's, Brides and Millinery Shop, 16 Maple St., Quincy Center, was advertising: "100 Party Dresses Originally Priced from \$20 and \$35 for only \$9.99 for This Christmas Week Sale"... The Quincy Lodge of Elks hosted 500 boys and girls at its annual Christmas Party. Santa Claus, in the person of George R. Alcott, presented the boys and girls with prizes. Angelo Libertine dispersed refreshments while movie cartoons were presented by Edward McAllister... The Adams Theater, School St., double-features included Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse in "It's Always Fair Weather" and Dale Robertson and Evelyn Keyes in "Top of the World"... The Quincy Patriot Ledger price was five cents a copy... Curved Bears, symbol of the highest Girl Scout achievement were presented to three members of the Bethany Congregational Troop. Mrs. Robert Johnson, leader, presented the bars to Jean Fallon, Pamela MacLean and Barbara Hudson... John I. Young, 33 Whitney Rd., Quincy, a senior at Amherst, was elected treasurer of Delta Kappa Epsilon... Plans were being made by members of the Mothers' Club of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church for the club's annual Christmas Party. The party will be held at the church according to Mrs. Oswald E. Ruska, program chairman... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lints of 256 Sea St., Merrymount, were guests of honor at a dinner party in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary. The party was held at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Slaven... Salorio's Meatland, 371 Granite St., Quincy was offering: "Fresh, Killed Native Grade A Turkeys for 35 cents a pound"... The City Council authorized City Manager Donald H. Blatt to sell six acres of Broad Meadows to the Navy as a site for a reserve-training center. Selling price agreed on was \$14,500... South Shore Buick, 50 Adams St., was offering: "Two-Door, Six-Passenger Buick Special Sedans for only \$2,388.88... Robert Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Golden of Hollis Ave., North Quincy, was undergoing recruit training at Bainbridge, MD... West Quincy Beverage Company, 665 Adams St., West Quincy, was advertising: "Fitzgerald Burgamaster Beer and Ale, six 12 oz. Non-Returnable Bottles for 89 cents"... Elmer Fagerlund, 124 Greenleaf St., represented several hundred residents of the Butlers' Pond area who had petitioned the council to take the property and for it to be maintained and beautified as a pond. However, the council refused to act on the request.

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A Stroll Down Memory Lane: Holiday Scenes From Yesteryear

This week we take a look back at some holiday seasons from yesteryear.

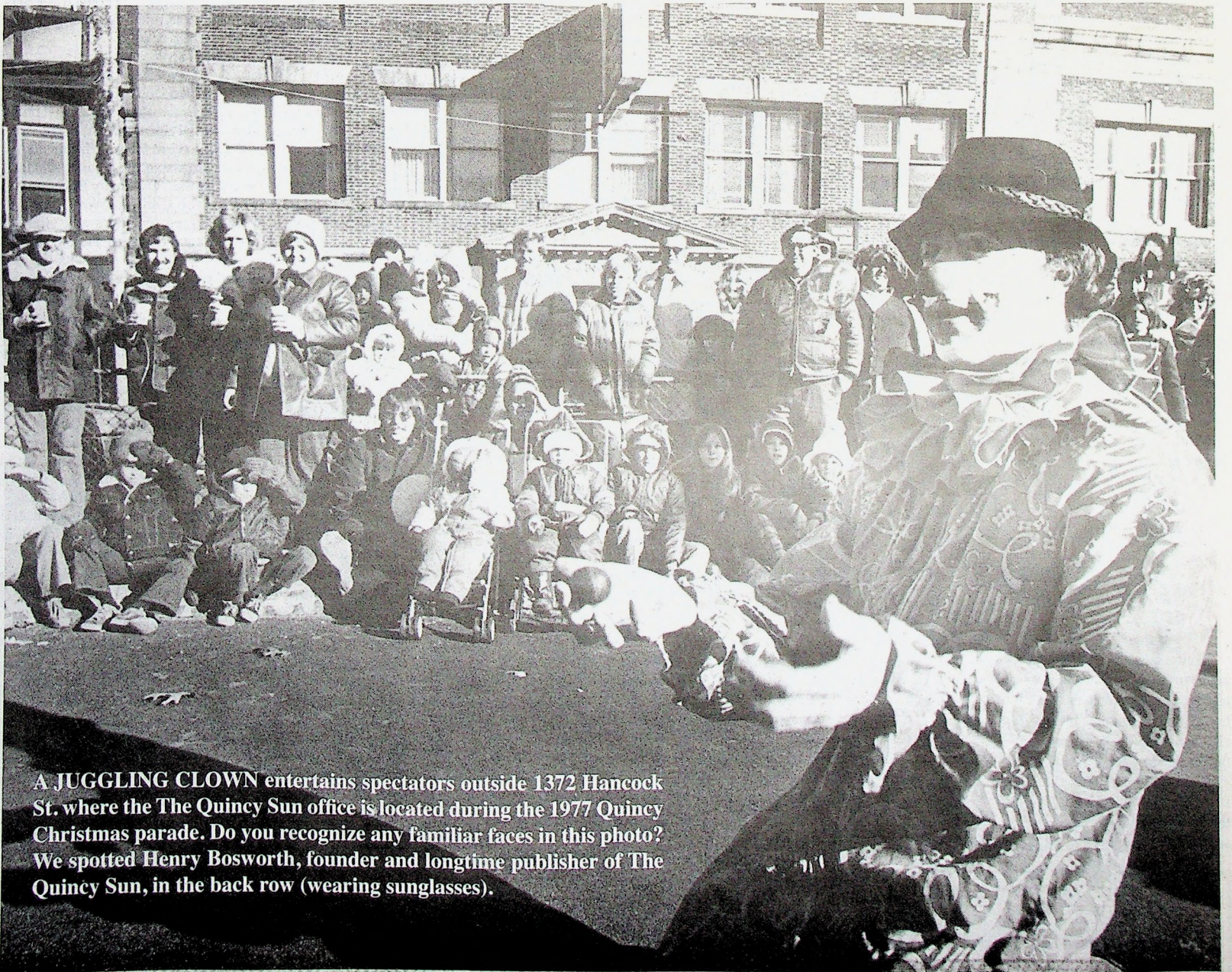
The photos were taken by Quincy Sun photographers at various events during the 1970s and 1980s - including the Quincy Christmas Parade and other activities that celebrated the season in Quincy.

We hope our readers will enjoy this short stroll down memory lane holiday style.

Photos appear on Page 1, Page 2 and Pages 6-12.

Robert Bosworth
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PHOTO AT RIGHT: Bundled up against the biting wind Quincy's youngsters were out by the thousands to view the 1977 Quincy Christmas Parade. This group found the curbing an excellent vantage point near the Quincy Sun office, 1372 Hancock St. In the background is the Granite Trust Building.



A JUGGLING CLOWN entertains spectators outside 1372 Hancock St. where the The Quincy Sun office is located during the 1977 Quincy Christmas parade. Do you recognize any familiar faces in this photo? We spotted Henry Bosworth, founder and longtime publisher of The Quincy Sun, in the back row (wearing sunglasses).

A Stroll Down Memory Lane: **Holiday Scenes From Yesteryear**

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL band (top photo) and the Quincy High School Band (bottom photo) march down Hancock Street in Quincy Center during the 1977 Quincy Christmas Parade. Note the direction of the parade. Until 1979, the parade route started at Veterans' Memorial Stadium and proceeded south on Hancock Street ending at Saint John's Church on School Street. Beginning in 1979, the parade route was lengthened to 2.8 miles and the direction changed to north beginning at Elm, School and Hancock Streets and Quincy Avenue and ending at North Quincy High School. The route changed again in 2012 as the starting point shifted to the intersection of Hancock Street and Mayor Walter Hannon Parkway.



A Stroll Down Memory Lane: Holiday Scenes From Yesteryear



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS in Quincy Square are switched on in 1982 by Santa Claus, City Council President John Lydon and 10-year-old Philip Jenkins of Quincy.



WILLING HANDS help Rev. Cornelius Heery, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, North Quincy, in 1978 decorate the Christmas tree in the church with ornaments donated by parish youngsters. With the pastor are (from left) Jennifer McCormack, in Fr. Heery's arms, Sandra Mahoney, Jason McIntosh and John Ferrara.



SANTA'S MAILBOX – mailing letters to Santa in 1983 are (from left, front) Kristen Bowes and Matthew Koch. Back row Christopher Koch and Thomas Bowes, Jr.



NATIVITY SCENE at historic Hancock Cemetery next to City Hall in 1986 holds the attention of Mrs. Diane Cooper of Quincy, holding Brittany Moroz, 2, Leah Allen, 5 and a half and John Cooper, Jr.



HELPING THE NEEDY – Councillor Francis McCauley, representing the Quincy Lions Club, mans a collection kettle on behalf of the Salvation Army in downtown Quincy in 1979. Danielle Prescott (left) and Joy O'Hare (right) both of South Quincy made their contributions to the Salvation Army's Christmas charities.

A Stroll Down Memory Lane: **Holiday Scenes From Yesteryear**



SUSAN FIDLER, age 2, has the best of both worlds as she watches the 1977 Christmas Parade on the shoulders of her father, Frank Fidler, while bundled up with an afghan which protected her from the 30-degree temperatures.



MAYOR ARTHUR TOBIN and Quincy First Lady Shirley Tobin march in the 1977 Quincy Christmas Parade. Landmarks in the background include The Bargain Center and United First Parish Church.

HOUGHS NECK LE-GION POST hosted a Christmas party in 1978 at the Atherton Hough School for youngsters in the district. Among those attending were (from left) Richard Macdonald, James Mudd, Julie McClusky, Nancy Kelley, Lorraine Reynolds, Roland Frenette, Lauren Keith and William Morrill, post commander, who distributed gifts.



BELOW: Boston Police Department Motorcycle Drill Team was a crowd pleaser and won the Chairman's Trophy for its exhibition during the 1981 Quincy Christmas Parade.



A Stroll Down Memory Lane: **Holiday Scenes From Yesteryear**

TOP PHOTO: Waving to spectators at the 1979 parade are (from left) Terri McElaney, 1977 Miss Quincy Bay; 1979 Miss Quincy Bay Nancy Meyers and 1979 pageant runner-up Betty O'Neil. The trio grace a float sponsored by Bernie's Modern Formal Shop. Temperatures for the parade that year reached the 70s.



MIDDLE PHOTO: Santa Arrives by parachute at Faxon Field in 1981 for the holiday season. Gusty winds almost forced him to change his mode of travel from parachute to fire engine.

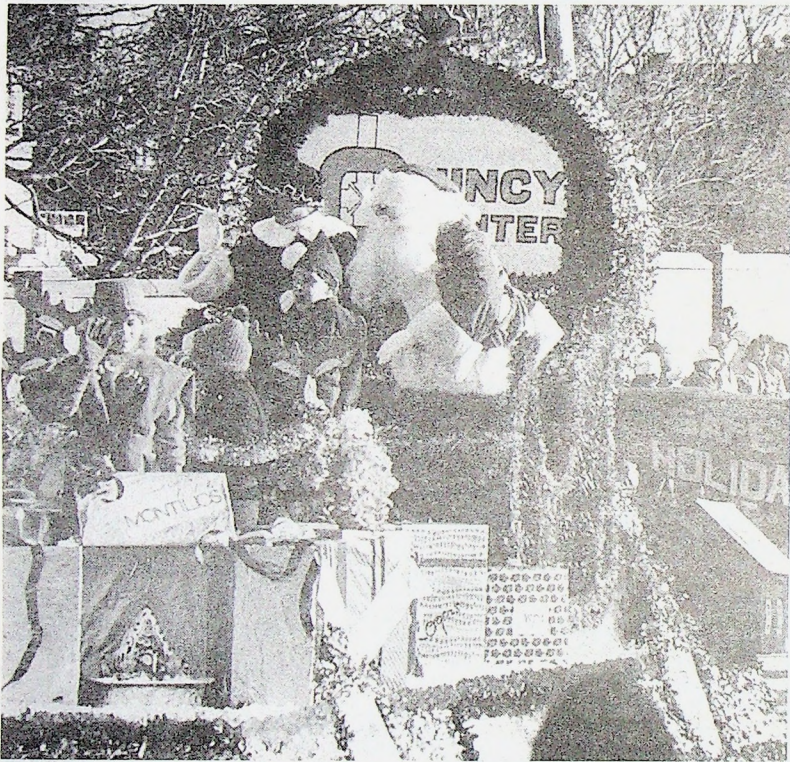
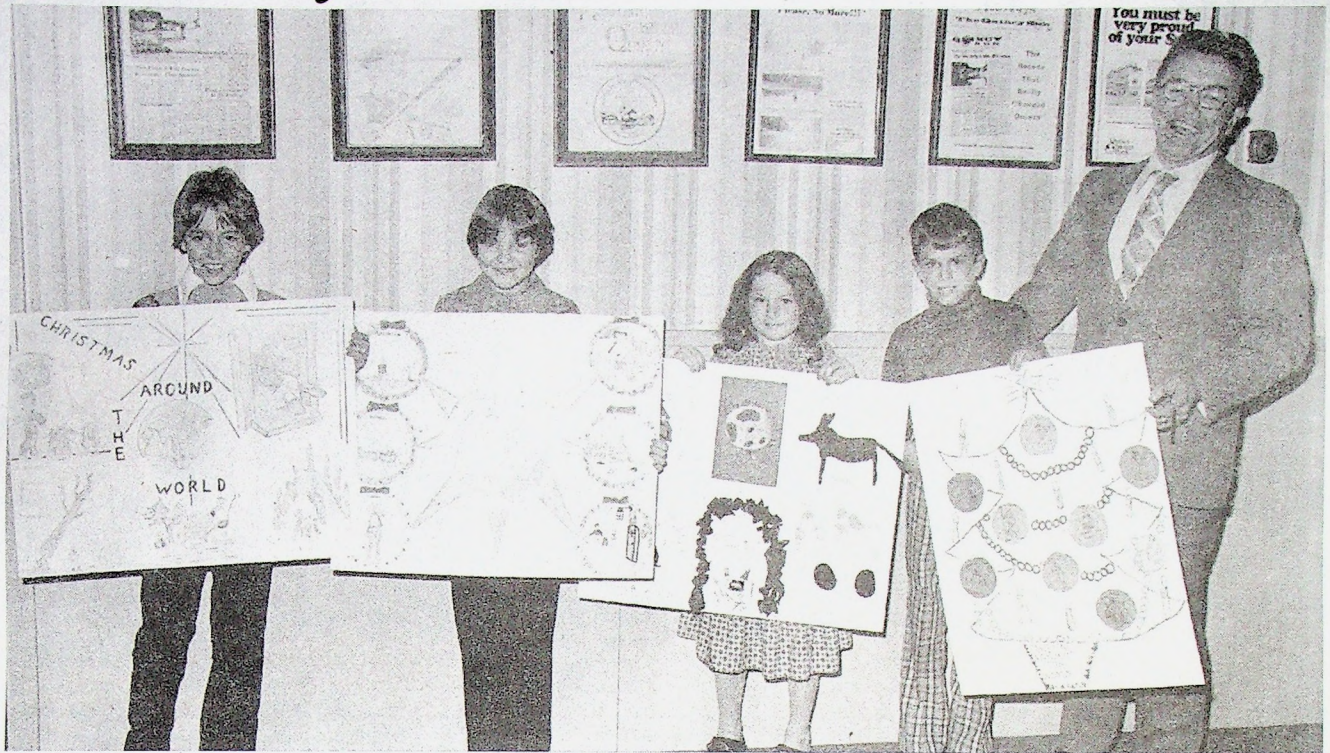
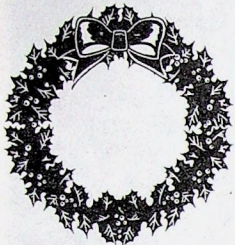


BOTTOM PHOTO: Curtain Call Theatre float entry decorated to the musical "Annie" proceeds down Hancock Street in front of United First Parish Church in Quincy Center during the 1980 Quincy Christmas Parade. Notice the bell decorations stretching across Hancock Street between City Hall and United First Parish Church. The float won second place.

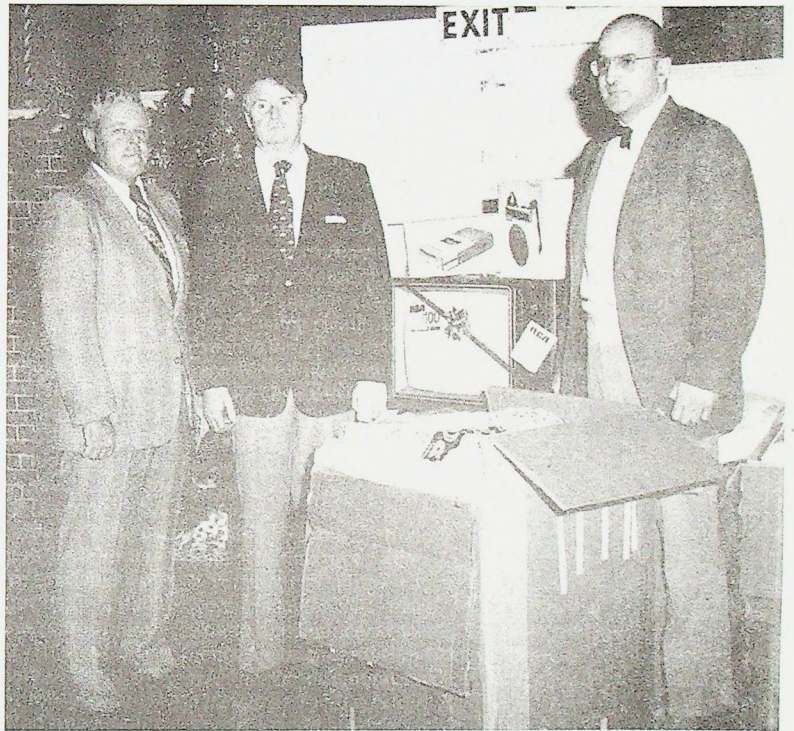


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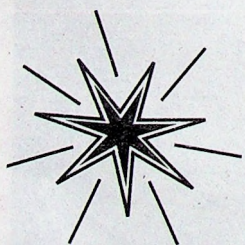
CONTEST WINNERS in the Quincy Christmas Festival Committee's poster contest in 1979 (from left to right) Craig Ruter, Wollaston, first prize, grades 4-6; Michelle Hamlett, West Quincy, second prize, grades 4-6; Elizabeth Roberts, Wollaston, first prize, grades 1-3 and Michael Dupill, North Quincy, second prize, grades 1-3. Looking on is Contest Chairman Richard J. Koch.



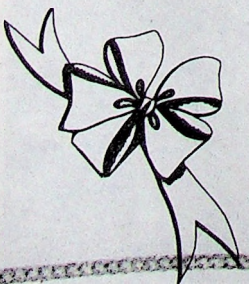
SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS wave to the crowd lining Hancock Street at the 1986 Quincy Christmas Parade. They are on a float sponsored by the Quincy Center Business and Professional Association.



READYING FOR CHRISTMAS – Quincy City Club members prepare gifts to be distributed to hospitals in the South Shore area at Christmas in 1978. Donald Conboy (left) and Paul H. Lee (center) are co-chairmen of the charities committee; Allan Yacubian (right) is project distribution chairman. The gifts include radios, television sets and a variety of other items.



WOODWARD SCHOOL was awarded the Father Thomas Tierney Trophy for best float in the 1987 Quincy Christmas Parade.



A Stroll Down Memory Lane: Holiday Scenes From Yesteryear



ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL leads marchers up Hancock Street toward Granite Street in the 1987 Quincy Christmas parade.



COLONIAL FEDERAL SAVINGS Bank float won best commercial float in the 1989 Christmas Parade.



MEMBERS OF Saint John the Baptist Church sing holiday songs as part of a tree lighting ceremony at Hancock House on School Street in 1987. Some 8,000 lights illuminate the 60-foot tree. (A photo of the decorated tree appears on Page 1 in color.)



Chabad Of South Shore Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Sunday

Chabad of the South Shore will light a 10-foot public Hanukkah menorah at the Hingham Shipyard (off Rt 3A), on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 4:30 p.m., the first night of the eight-day Festival of Lights.

The community will be joined by the fire chief who will be attending and other

community leaders, and the event will feature a Chanukah Gelt (chocolate coin) Drop and the traditional Hanukkah foods, hot Latkes and doughnuts. Complimentary Hanukkah menorahs and candles will be distributed as well for participants to light at home.

The large-scale, in-per-

son public Hanukkah celebration is sponsored by the Herb Chambers family of dealerships, with a record number of participants expected to join Chabad of the South Shore's menorah lighting this year.

"Everyone is especially excited about Hanukkah this year," said Rabbi Levi

Lezell, director of Chabad of the South Shore. "People are preparing to celebrate with family and friends, to fill their homes with the light of Hanukkah, and there's a palpable joy. The public Hanukkah celebration is about sharing this light and joy with the broader community and the entire South Shore."

Hanukkah emphasizes that each and every individual has the unique power to illuminate the entire world. It was to encourage this profound idea that the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, launched the Hanukkah awareness campaign in 1973, of which the South Shore's public Hanukkah activities are a part of. The menorah faces the street, the Rebbe notes, and so bypassers immediately feel "the effect of the light, which illuminates the outside and the environment."

In the half-century since, the Rebbe's campaign has brought Hanukkah into the mainstream and altered awareness and practice of the festival, returning what some mistakenly dismissed as a minor holiday to its roots as a public proclamation of the triumph of freedom over oppression and a mainstay of Jewish cultural

and religious life.

Chabad-Lubavitch's annual Hanukkah campaign has distributed millions of menorahs to Jews around the world, and erected thousands of public menorahs to share its universal message of light over darkness with humanity at large. This year's Hanukkah campaign will be one of unprecedented light and joy, seeing Chabad reach 8 million Jews in more than 100 countries. For the first time in two years, energetic crowds will once again be gathering on streets and thoroughfares, in great metropolises and small towns alike, to participate in the more than 15,000 large public menorahs Chabad will place worldwide. Even as crowds gather again, the Hanukkah parades and drive-in events, that ensured safe events last year, will go on, and this year more than 6,500 Hanukkah menorah-topped cars will hit the road in Chabad menorah parades to share the Hanukkah message of hope and joy around the globe.

An estimated 10 million unique visitors will use the practical how-to guides and discover the many layers of meaning at Chabad.org's popular Hanukkah.org website. Chabad will help bring

the light and celebration of Hanukkah into homes everywhere by distributing approximately 64 million Hanukkah candles, more than 700,000 menorah kits, and 2.5 million holiday guides in 17 languages.

This year's Hanukkah campaign comes amid a growing awareness of Chabad-Lubavitch's indelible impact on Jewish life. Pew Research Center's 2020 survey of Jewish Americans showed that 38 percent of all American Jews have participated in Chabad activities and services, of whom more than 75 percent do not identify as Orthodox.

Indeed, during the pandemic, demand for Chabad of the South Shore's religious, humanitarian and educational services skyrocketed, and Chabad of the South Shore met the South Shore's Jewish needs with outdoor High Holiday services and year-round Holidays at Home packages. "We've seen a massive uptick in the level of engagement over the last year and a half," said Rabbi Levi Lezell.

For more information about Hanukkah and a local schedule of events visit SouthShoreChabad.com/Menorah.

WHAT'S COOKING

with

Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



Old Fashioned Cream Puffs

By MARIE

This recipe for cream puffs is from a 1950s cookbook and has been passed down to family and friends for decades. We make them really large or sometimes small depending on what we are filling them with and depending on the crowd of people attending the event.

We sometimes fill the puffs with fresh whipped cream, homemade custard or vanilla ice cream topped with hot fudge. All of the above concoctions are delicious. Here's the recipe, and it's pretty simple.

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees; you will need a cookie sheet but do not grease it.

Ingredients and Directions

1 cup water
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sifted flour
4 eggs

In a saucepan bring the water and butter to a boil.

Stir in all at once the flour. You really have to stir this vigorously over low heat until the mixture forms a ball in the pan. This takes a minute or so.

Once the ball has formed beat in 4 eggs one at a time. Blend and mix until very smooth.

When batter is all blended, using a tablespoon, drop spoonfuls of dough onto ungreased baking pan.

Bake until dry for 45 or 50 minutes. Let cool completely.

This recipe makes about 8 large puffs. However, you can also use a smaller spoon and make about 14 small cream puffs.

Cut with sharp knife before filling.

You can fill with custard filling below, or fresh whipped cream or ice cream. The possibilities are endless.

Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Bars

By SUZIE

I hope no one is tired of pumpkin! These pumpkin bars are super easy and really good.

Did you know that pure maple syrup contains loads of important nutrition? Regular table sugar has absolutely no benefits whatsoever.

Maple syrup, however, (the darker color the better!) contains zinc, manganese, antioxidants, anti inflammatory properties, as well as it is lower on the glycemic index.

Staying away from sweeteners in general is always best, but when you are adding something like this that provides nutrition, and is far better than using regular sugar or artificial sweeteners.

Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Bars

1/2 cup pureed pumpkin
1/2 cup maple syrup (the real kind)

Homemade Custard Filling:

This recipe for homemade custard filling is also from the 1950s

Ingredients:

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups of milk
4 egg yolks
2 teaspoons vanilla

In a saucepan add the sugar, salt and flour, stir in 2 cups of milk.

Cook over medium heat stirring until ingredients come to a boil.

Then boil for one full minute and remove from heat.

Pour and stir half of this mixture into 4 beaten egg yolks (you can also use 2 beaten eggs instead).

Then add back to sauce pan and bring everything to boil once again.

Turn off heat, cool for about 10 minutes and stir in 2 teaspoons of vanilla, blending well.

Once all blended let cool in refrigerator before filling cream puffs.

Fresh Whipped Cream: to make fresh whipped cream is very easy.

Directions and Ingredients:

1 pint whipping cream
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon of vanilla

Chill a metal mixing bowl by placing in refrigerator for about 30 minutes. Once chilled remove from refrigerator and then add 1 pint of whipping cream or heavy cream, 1/2 cup powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. With electric mixture, beat all ingredients for about 90 seconds or until peaks form. Keep refrigerated.

2 large eggs
1 cup blanched almond flour (not almond meal)
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup chocolate chips (I use HU brand) OR 1/2 cup dried cranberries (then they will be called cranberry pumpkin bars!)

Simply whisk WELL the wet ingredients in bowl.

Now add the dry ingredients and mix well.

Fold in chips or cranberries.

Put in 8 by 8 baking pan that has been greased.

Bake at 350 until done, about 25 minutes or so but check. This time varies. It may be only 20 minutes.

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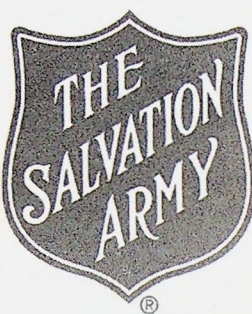


Community Leader Kettle Raises \$10,536 For Salvation Army



THE 26TH ANNUAL Community Leader Kettle raised \$10,536.93 for the Quincy Salvation Army in November. The kettle was established by the late Henry W. Bosworth, founder of The Quincy Sun, in 1997. Mr. Bosworth coordinated the kettle for 12 years before passing away in February, 2009. His son, Robert Bosworth, now publisher of The Quincy Sun, has coordinated the kettle for the past 14 years. In 26 years, the community leader kettle has raised \$132,954.55 for the Quincy Salvation Army. More than 40 community leaders manned this year's kettle that was set up Nov. 22 and Nov. 30 at the Hancock-Adams Common. Shown here are (from left) Don Uvanitte, chairperson, Quincy Salvation Army Advisory Board; auto dealer Dan Quirk and Mayor Thomas Koch.

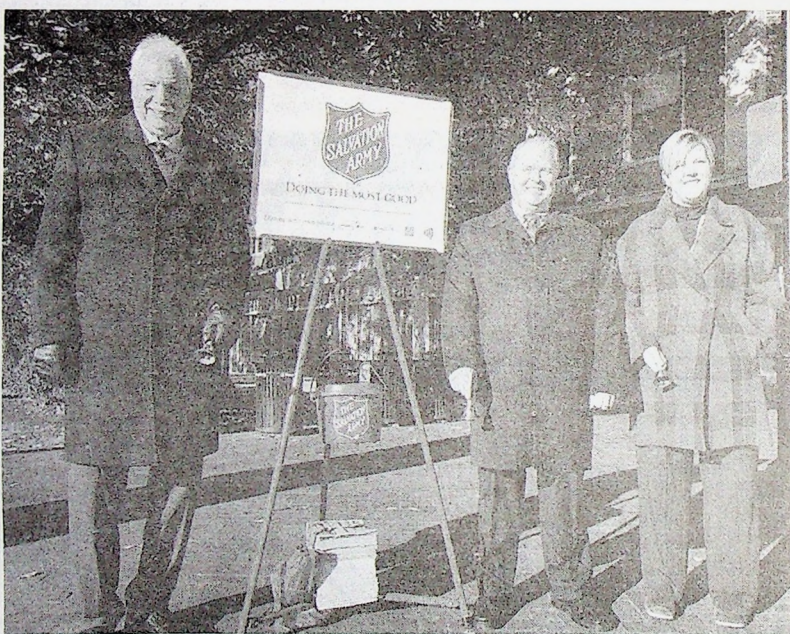
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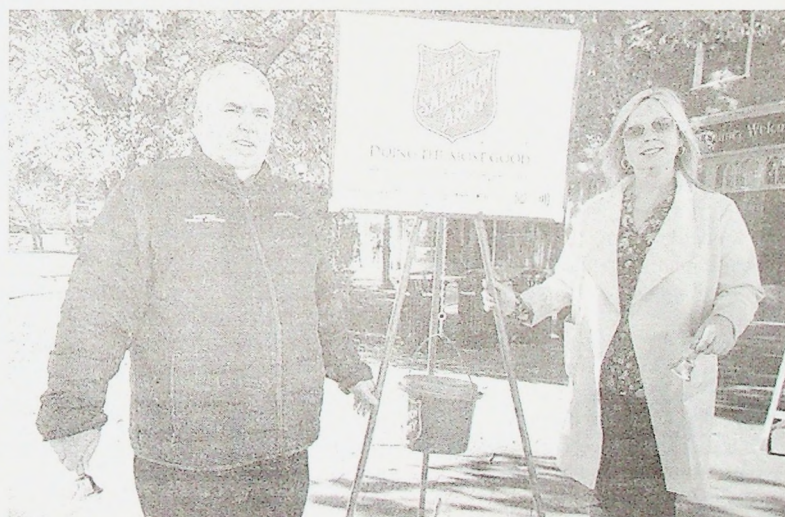
CAPTAIN ADAM BOYNTON (left), corps officer, Quincy Salvation Army, joins Quincy Police Chief Paul Keenan (center) and Quincy Fire Chief Joseph Jackson who were among the 40 volunteers who supported the 26th annual Community Leader Kettle.



WARD 5 Councillor Chuck Phelan (left) and state Rep. Bruce Ayers ring the bell at the Salvation Army Community Leader Kettle.



MANNING THE Salvation Army Community Leader Kettle in Quincy Center are (from left) School Committee member Frank Santoro, Quincy School Supt. Kevin Mulvey and Assistant Supt. Erin Perkins.



NORFOLK COUNTY Dist. Atty. Michael Morrissey (left) and City Clerk Nicole Crispo volunteering at the Community Leader Kettle to support the Quincy Salvation Army.

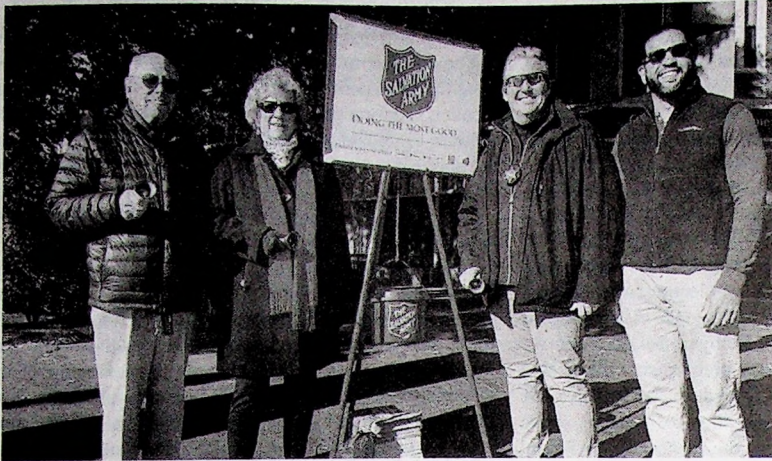


RINGING THE BELL for the Salvation Army at the 26th annual Community Leader Kettle are (from left) Joan Keohane, Quincy Salvation Army Advisory Board; Amy Bosworth, Rogers Jewelry and Ed Keohane, Keohane Funeral Homes.



ALSO VOLUNTEERING at the 26th annual Salvation Army Community Leader Kettle were School Committee member Paul Bregoli (left) and Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico. More photos on Page 15.

Community Leader Kettle Raises \$10,536 For Salvation Army



SUPPORTING THE 26TH annual Salvation Army Community Leader kettle are (from left to right) Salvation Army Advisory Board member Dr. John Pasciucco, School Committee member Emily Lebo, Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott and Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain.



VOLUNTEERING AT the Salvation Army Community Leader kettle are (from left) Norfolk County Register of Deeds William O'Donnell, state Sen. John Keenan and Quincy Veterans Services Director Christine Cugini.



COMMUNITY LEADER KETTLE volunteers included (from left to right) Norfolk County Commissioner Joseph Shea; Jessica Cherry, general counsel, Quincy College; Maralin Manning, Quincy Salvation Army Advisory Board and Quincy College President Richard DeCristofaro.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER Tina Cahill (left) and state Rep. and Speaker of the House Ron Mariano ring the bell for the Salvation Army.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER Kathryn Hubley (left) and Councillor at-Large Anne Mahoney ring the bell at the Salvation Army Community Leader kettle.



MARK CROSBY (left) and Jonathan Caliri of Quincy Access TV ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



ALSO VOLUNTEERING at the Salvation Army Community Leader kettle were (from left to right), Chris Mancini, president, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay; Councillor at-Large Noel Dillon; and from the Friends of Wollaston Beach: Bob Verney, secretary; Michael Mazrimas, board member; Maureen Mazrimas, president; and Susan McPherson, board member.

Preliminary Election For Ward 4 Councillor Race

By SCOTT JACKSON

A preliminary election will be required in the race for the open Ward 4 seat on the City Council, barring any unexpected changes, as at least four candidates have met the signature requirement to qualify for the ballot.

One other candidate – a former city councillor seeking his former seat – had also pulled nomination papers as of Tuesday morning.

Would-be-candidates had until 5 p.m. on Tuesday to return nomination papers, including the signatures of

50 residents registered to vote within Ward 4. Certified nomination papers, including a statement of candidacy, had to be filed with the city clerk by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Wednesday at 5 p.m. was also the deadline for objections and/or withdrawals of nomination papers. (Those deadlines all passed after The Sun went to press for the week.)

As of Tuesday morning, four candidates had returned nomination papers with the requisite signatures: Joel Buenaventura of Common Street, Sharon Cintolo

of Willard Street, James Devine of Cross Street and Matthew Lyons of Centre Street.

Cintolo had unsuccessfully challenged incumbent state Rep. Tackey Chan in this past November's state election. The three other candidates are running for office for the first time.

A fifth potential candidate, James "Jay" Davis III of Shawmut Street, has also pulled papers to run for the Ward 4 seat. Davis represented Ward 4 on the City Council from 2002 to 2010 and was unseated in the

2009 municipal election by Brian Palmucci, who served on the council until he resigned in October following his appointment to a judgeship.

Because more than two candidates qualified for the ballot – barring any last minute changes – a preliminary election will be held on Jan. 17. A drawing to determine ballot order for the preliminary will be held Thursday at 10 a.m.; the deadline to register to vote in the preliminary is 5 p.m. on Jan. 7; and the deadline to seek to vote by mail or

absentee is 5 p.m. on Jan. 9. The deadline to withdraw from the race, petition for a recount, and for a successful write-in candidate to accept the nomination is 5 p.m. on Jan. 27.

The final election will be held on Feb. 7. For the final election, the deadline to register to vote is 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 and the deadline to apply for a mail or absentee ballot is 5 p.m. on Jan. 31. The deadline to file a recount petition is Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.

The political calendar for the special Ward 4 city councillor election appears below on this page.

The winner of the special election would be eligible to serve out the remainder of Palmucci's term, which expires at the end of 2023. The winning candidate could run for a full two-year term in next November's municipal election.

City Council President Noel DiBona, one of the council's three at-large members, will serve as the point of contact for Ward 4 residents until the new councillor is seated next year. Residents can reach DiBona by email at ndibona@quincyma.gov or by phone at 617-834-4081.

Congregation Beth Shalom Chanukah Celebration Sunday

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills is having an Open House to celebrate Chanukah on Dec. 18th from 11:15 a.m. to noon followed by tasty homemade latkes and sufganiyot/Israeli-style donuts. Be our guest at this free program for Jewish & Interfaith families. Arts and crafts, dreidels, chocolate gelt, sto-

ry time, prizes, and a sing-along with Rabbi Benjamin, Director of education Cantor Lisa, and Music Specialist David Wesson.

Meet other families and members, tour the beautiful, solar-powered building, visit the new youth and teen library, and learn about many youth and adult education programs and engag-

ing Services.

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills, 18 Shoolman Way, Milton, is an egalitarian congregation that welcomes interfaith families who wish to raise their children in the embrace of Jewish Tradition.

For further information about membership, the Re-

ligious School or any of our other programs, call the office: 617-698-3394, email at office@bethshalombluehills.org or visit the website www.bethshalombluehills.org

RSVP for this event is required. Email Cantor Lisa to RSVP at: eddirector@bethshalombluehills.org.

Wreaths Across America Saturday

National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th.

Locally the observance will be held at two Quincy cemeteries.

Wreath laying will begin at 11 a.m. at Pine Hill Cemetery.

At noon a ceremony will be held at Mount Wollaston Cemetery.

This is Quincy's fifth year participating in National Wreaths Across America Day and each year the numbers increase. They increase with the number of wreaths being placed on the graves of veterans, the number of volunteers who participate and the numbers of donors and volunteers that believe in the Mission to Remember Honor Teach. Also, the number of cemeteries participating nationally grew as well; more than 3,400 cemeteries across the country now participate.

This year, Wreaths Across America notified the City of Quincy of the wreaths matching that will begin Dec. 17, through Jan. 15, 2023. For each wreath purchased, WAA will match through a sponsorship group. This is a great opportunity to kick start for National Wreaths Across America Day 2023 which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023.

Email quincywaa@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to be part of the team.

Elks Christmas Baskets

The Quincy Lodge of Elks will meet Sunday, Dec. 18 at 8 a.m. at Mignosa's Fruit Basket to deliver 100 Christmas dinner baskets to needy families in the community and the Brockton VA Hospital for veterans' families.

Mignosa's Fruit Basket will prepare the baskets for delivery and volunteers from the Quincy Lodge of Elks will deliver the baskets exemplifying the spirit of Elkdome and helping make Christmas dinner possibly for many deserving families.

2022-2023 Ward 4 Political Calendar

DATE	DEADLINE	EVENT
Tuesday, November 15		Nomination Papers Released by Board of Registrars
Tuesday, December 13	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to Submit Nomination Papers for Certification to the Board of Registrars
Wednesday, December 14	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour for Filing Certified Nomination Papers, including Statement of Candidacy with the City Clerk
Wednesday, December 14		Post a list of the Candidates in the City Clerk's Office
Wednesday, December 14	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour for Objections and/or Withdrawal of Nomination Papers
Thursday, December 15	10:00 am	Drawing for Ballot Position for the Ward 4 Special Preliminary Election
Tuesday, January 3	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour for All Candidates to File Campaign Finance Reports
Friday, January 6		Post warrant for Preliminary Ward 4 Special Election
Saturday, January 7	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to Register to Vote for Preliminary Ward 4 Special Election
Monday, January 9	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to Apply for Vote by Mail Ballots or Absentee Ballot for Preliminary Ward 4 Special Election
Tuesday, January 17	Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm	Preliminary Ward 4 Special Election
Tuesday, January 24	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour for All Candidates to File Campaign Finance Reports
Friday, January 27	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to File Recount Petition or withdraw from nomination (written acceptance required by a write-in or sticker candidate who won in a write-in campaign to the City Clerk). Last Day and Hour for Objections.
Saturday, January 28	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to Register to Vote for February 7 th Ward 4 Special Election
Tuesday, January 31	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to Apply for Early or Absentee Ballot for February 7 th Ward 4 Special Election
Wednesday, February 1		Post Warrant for the Ward 4 Special Election
Tuesday, February 7	Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm	Ward 4 Special Election
Friday, February 17	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour to File Recount Petition
Friday, February 24	5:00 pm	Last Day and Hour for All Candidates to File Campaign Finance Reports

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Will My Wife's Benefit Change My Claiming Decision?

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I'll be 69 in April 2023, and my wife will be 59 later this month. I'm still working and am trying to determine whether I should take Social Security at 69 or 70. My main question revolves around my wife's future Social Security benefits and how they will affect my decision on whether to start mine at 69 or 70. I would like to know how to map this all out. **Signed: Waiting but Wondering**

Dear Waiting: Since you're now 68 and not yet collecting benefits, you have been (since you were 66) earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will result in an increased personal Social Security benefit for as long as you delay claiming, up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. If you claim at age 69, your benefit will be 24% more than it would have been at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66; if you wait until age 70 to claim your benefit will be 32% more than it would have been at 66 (8% additional benefit for waiting that extra year).

Your wife's future spousal benefit while you are both living (if she is entitled to one) will be based on your age 66 amount, not the higher amount you will get because you waited to claim. But your wife's benefit as your surviving widow will be based on the amount you were actually receiving at your death, not on your age 66 amount. So, if your goal is to maximize your younger wife's benefit as your widow, then waiting until you are 70 to claim your benefit will do that. Keep in mind that your wife's surviving spouse benefit will be affected by her own age when she claims. If she has reached her own full retirement age of 67 when she claims, she will get the maximum survivor benefit available to her. Claimed at age 67 while you are both living, her spouse benefit will be 50% of your age 66 benefit amount, if that is more than she is personally entitled to on her own. If you die first and your wife claims her survivor benefit at or after age 67, she will get 100% of the benefit you were receiving at your death instead of her own smaller benefit. But if she claims her survivor benefit before reaching her own FRA of 67, that benefit will be actuarially reduced according to the number of months prior to her FRA it is claimed. Note your wife can wait to claim her survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at her full retirement age.

So, to recap: Your wife's spousal benefit while you are living will be based on your age 66 amount and her age when she claims it, and your wife's benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of what you are getting when you die and her age when she claims it. The maximum benefit for your wife in either case is attained when she reaches her FRA (67) but claimed earlier will be reduced. And you waiting until age 70 to claim will maximize your wife's benefit as your widow.

Finally, since you are still working, you should know that if your current earnings are among the highest of your lifetime, you will still get credit for those earnings even after you start collecting your Social Security benefits. Your SS benefit when you claim will be based on the highest-earning 35 years over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation), but SS will monitor your earnings each year to see if a benefit increase is warranted because your current earnings are higher than any used in originally computing your benefit amount.

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Rep. Ayers Receives SSES Award

State Rep. Bruce Ayers (D - Quincy) was recently recognized by South Shore Elder Services at their Annual Meeting for his long-time partnership with and advocacy for the organization, receiving their 2022 Edythe B. Donkin Award.

"We're delighted to honor a longtime supporter of seniors with our Edythe B. Donkin Award," South Shore Elder Services said in a statement. "This award commemorates a community member who has exemplified the tenets of service and support for older adults on the South Shore."

Ayers, who represents parts of Quincy and Randolph on Beacon Hill, expressed gratitude for the award and for his partnership with SSES.

"I can confidently say that no other organization is as thorough, responsive, or vital to our seniors as South Shore Elder Services," Ayers said. "The essential

services they provide, including Meals on Wheels, financial planning assistance, and many others, allow seniors to remain independent in their own homes, and that means everything to them."

Along with receiving the Donkin Award, Ayers was also the guest speaker for the Annual Meeting, which celebrated South Shore Elder Services' 45th year serving older adults and people with disabilities. The event was attended by other legislators and community partners, as well as SSES staff, many of whom were recognized for their years of service to the organization.

As keynote speaker, Ayers described his personal caregiving experience with his family and the connections he made with South Shore Elder Services as a result.

"I've seen firsthand the impact SSES can have when I was caretaking for my mother, who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's," he said. "Working together, with help from programs like South Shore Elder Services, my brother Chuck and I were fortunate to be able to keep her at home with her family, in her own environment, and out of a nursing home."



STATE REP. Bruce Ayers recently received the Edythe B. Donkin Award from South Shore Elder Services at its annual meeting. With Ayers is Sandra Lindsey, the CEO of South Shore Elder Services. *Courtesy Photos*

In selecting Ayers for the Donkin Award, South Shore Elder Services CEO Sandra Lindsey pointed to his work on behalf of seniors at the State House, as well as in the community.

"Representative Ayers has served with distinction on the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs for many years, signifying his commitment to safeguard and lift elders through sustained advocacy, advancement of important legislation to extend care to early onset Alzheimer's patients, and much more work on behalf

of seniors," she said.

Aside from his work on Beacon Hill, Ayers owned and operated Ayers Handicap Conversion Center for over 35 years, where he converted vans for people with disabilities. Since 1991, he's operated the Quincy Helping Hand program, an in-kind program that takes donations of lightly used durable medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, commodes, tub seats, and other items to donate to people in need.

Luna Top Cat Name In 2022

If you have a cat named Luna, you're not the only one.

Luna was the most popular cat name for 2022 according to Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats and dogs. The company scanned its database of more than 800,000 pets to come up with the official top 10 cat names and breeds for 2022.

Here is the list:

Top 10 most popular cat names for 2022

1. Luna
2. Oliver
3. Loki
4. Milo
5. Leo
6. Bella
7. Charlie
8. Mochi
9. Lily
10. Willow

Top 10 most popular cat breeds for 2022

1. American Shorthair
2. Ragdoll
3. Maine Coon
4. Bengal
5. Siamese
6. Sphynx
7. Siberian
8. British Shorthair
9. Persian
10. Scottish Fold.

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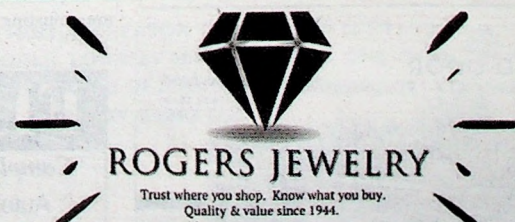
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STATE REP. Bruce Ayers (second from left), recipient of South Shore Elder Services' Edythe B. Donkin Award with (from left to right) state Sen. John Keenan, state Sen. Walter Timilty and Wren Meyers of SSES.



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Quincy Real Estate Transactions December 5 - December 9

Transactions are compiled by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

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Danielle Sujdak, Marie Conlin, Antoinette M. Magee, Judy Brown & Sandra J. Coleran	Erica L. Hagler	\$655,000.00	57 Hobomack Road
Dwayne F. Deery & Adrienne Hanratty	Michelle Gaudet	\$715,500.00	136 Crescent Street
Oweo Realty Trust	Paul Abernethy	\$575,000.00	56 Hillsboro Street
Kenneth Chin & Zhuo Z. Lei	Dandan Li	\$700,000.00	114 Elliot Avenue
Longzhi Mei & Xianqing Tang	Haïou & Jieyu Wu & Lijia Chen	\$435,000.00	200 Falls Boulevard Unit I-203
1154 Sea Street LLC	Randel & Hannah Luck	\$565,000.00	1154 Sea Street
John C. Grant 38 Cherry Street Realty Trust & Anne L. Grant 38 Cherry Street Realty Trust	Yurong, Yuping & Yuguang Wang	\$550,000.00	38 Cherry Street
Stephen, Michelle, Meredith & Mark Lombardi	Ibrahim Wehbe	\$580,000.00	52 Hovey Street
Sze M. Chan & Chun W So	Ilyass Hmamou	\$530,000.00	16 Parker Street Unit 16
149 Quincy Street LLC	Duong T. Truong	\$650,000.00	149 Quincy Street Unit 2
Bowman Realty Trust	43 Victoria Road Realty Trust	\$655,000.00	43 Victoria Road
Downs Nominee Realty Trust	Brian & Maria McLean	\$749,000.00	34 Aberdeen Road
Peter C. Pappas & Maria P. Pappas	Joanne N. & Pauline C. Pappas	\$401,000.00	146 Huckins Avenue
Jose A. Lopes	Chisom Udengwu	\$580,000.00	1227 Sea Street
Classic Property Investments LLC	Benedict Fiasconaro	\$770,000.00	8 Priscilla Lane
Albert E. Labelle & Morena Michelangelo	Damian T. & Yako G. Long	\$842,500.00	68 Albertina Street
James P. & Margaret K. Ciardelli	Aramis O. & Paulita V. Fernandez	\$632,500.00	165 Crescent Street
Barbara Healy	Margaret A. & Beverly M. Conte	\$673,500.00	45 Churchill Road
Joseph A. Connolly	Daniel J. & Ellen F. Fullam	\$499,000.00	100 Marina Drive Unit 211
M & M Living Trust	William & Shannon M. Traft	\$785,000.00	41 Joan Drive

November Report: Significant Decrease In Real Estate Activity

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William O'Donnell reports that Norfolk County recordings for the month of November 2022 indicate a significant decrease in overall real estate activity, particularly mortgage activity and the average sales price for residential and commercial property, as compared to the November 2021 numbers.

In November, there were 9,015 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, a 37 percent decrease from November 2021 and virtually no

change from October 2022.

"The real estate market is showing the strains of continually rising interest rates and inflation, which is putting a damper on the amount of money consumers can save," O'Donnell said. "Total document volume is down significantly compared to November 2021, but shows a lesser decrease when compared to last month's statistics in October 2022. One of the components of document volume, the number of deeds recorded, indicates a decrease in property sales

from last year."

The number of deeds for November 2022, which reflect real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, show a decrease of 27 percent from November 2021 and a decrease of 7 percent from the previous month of October 2022.

Sale prices for November appear to have dropped significantly compared to November 2021. The average sale price in November was \$973,133, a 17 percent decrease from November 2021 and a 9 percent decrease from October 2022. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing 42 percent from one year ago and decreasing 18 percent from last month.

"Consumers seem to be less willing to borrow with interest rates approaching and exceeding 7 percent, and the drop in average sales prices indicates sellers are adjusting prices to com-

pensate," O'Donnell said. "According to the numbers we are seeing at the Registry, we are recording well under half the number of mortgages compared to November 2021."

Overall lending activity showed a continued downward trend for the month of November. A total of 1,357 mortgages were recorded this month, 58 percent less than a year ago at the same time and down 8 percent from last month.

"The rising cost of living and increasing interest rates that the country is facing now are having an impact on the local real estate market," O'Donnell said. "A continuing cause for concern in Norfolk County is the number of pending foreclosures."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In November, there were four foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclo-

sures taking place in Norfolk County, equal to the number in November 2021. However, in November, there were 30 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, significantly more than the 13 recorded in November 2021.

"While the number of notices to foreclose have come down slightly from last month, they are still significantly higher than in November 2021," O'Donnell said. "This indicates that more of our neighbors are facing financial challenges going forward. We will continue to track these numbers."

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (508-587-0950) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

"If you are having difficulty paying your monthly

mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance," O'Donnell said.

"Property sales prices appear to be dropping as a result of consumers not willing to purchase property with mortgage rates above 7 percent."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/norfolkdeeds. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @norfolkdeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org. Residents in need of assistance can call the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or email registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

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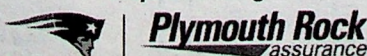
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QCAP Opens Doors To New SW Community Center

Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. on Tuesday, Nov. 29, celebrated the Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the new South West Community Center in South West Quincy, where the nonprofit has been serving food since 1968.

Over 130 people were in attendance including elected officials, funders of the project, community partners and private donors. Guests gathered for a light breakfast and tours of the new facility, including the new food pantry warehouse, a children and family engagement room, and office space where clients can access services such as housing and heating assistance and free income tax preparation.

Mayor Thomas P. Koch and House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano were in attendance as keynote speakers. Both congratulated QCAP leadership and staff for opening the new facility that will provide critical resources for local families who are struggling to make ends meet.

The building was dedicated to long-time Quincy resident and member of the QCAP Board of Directors, Paul M. Connolly. For 20 years Connolly has represented the South West Quincy neighborhood, first on behalf of his son, former Ward 4 Councillor Bryan Connolly, then on behalf of the low income residents of South West Quincy who elected him as their representative to the QCAP Board of Directors. Speaker Mariano and Mayor Koch offered warm and personal congratulations to Paul Connolly for his contributions to the community and this well-deserved recognition.

Josephine Shea spoke on behalf of the QCAP Board of Directors stating, "Paul's dedication to the South West Quincy community, his unwavering support of QCAP's Food Center and overall mission, and his steadfast belief that every person deserves to have their basic needs met with dignity, make QCAP leadership proud to honor Paul M. Connolly with the dedication of the new South West Community Center in his name."

Paul and his wife Pat raised three sons in Quincy and instilled these values of service and leadership in their family. Their son, Bryan, now an attorney, has donated countless hours to Quincy Community Action Programs assisting with the development of QCAP's Head Start Center at 22 Pray St., and now the South West Community Center at 18

Copeland St.

The project was funded by public COVID-related funding to address food insecurity, state community action funds, as well as generous donations from local businesses, foundations and private donors. Beth Ann Strollo, QCAP Chief Executive Officer, thanked the many supporters in attendance, noting the support from Mayor Koch and Speaker Mariano, the Quincy state delegation and the many local banks, foundations and businesses who sponsored the project.

"I want to offer our sincere gratitude to all of you – the contributors, supporters, donors – you gave us the resources to transform this building into what it is today," she said.

Strollo also recognized the project's architect Jim Edwards and general contractor Commonwealth Building Inc. for their excellent work throughout the renovation process.

The opening of the new food pantry and client services center comes at a critical time when the cost of food, housing and fuel are on the rise, and many families are feeling the effects of the added stress on household budgets. As many residents begin to recover from the pandemic's financial impact, low-income households and communities of color are having the most difficult time bouncing back. Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. is seeing food insecurity among local families remain high. As the community need for food has grown over the last 24 months, so has QCAP's need for increased pantry storage space at their long-time Food Center in South West Quincy.

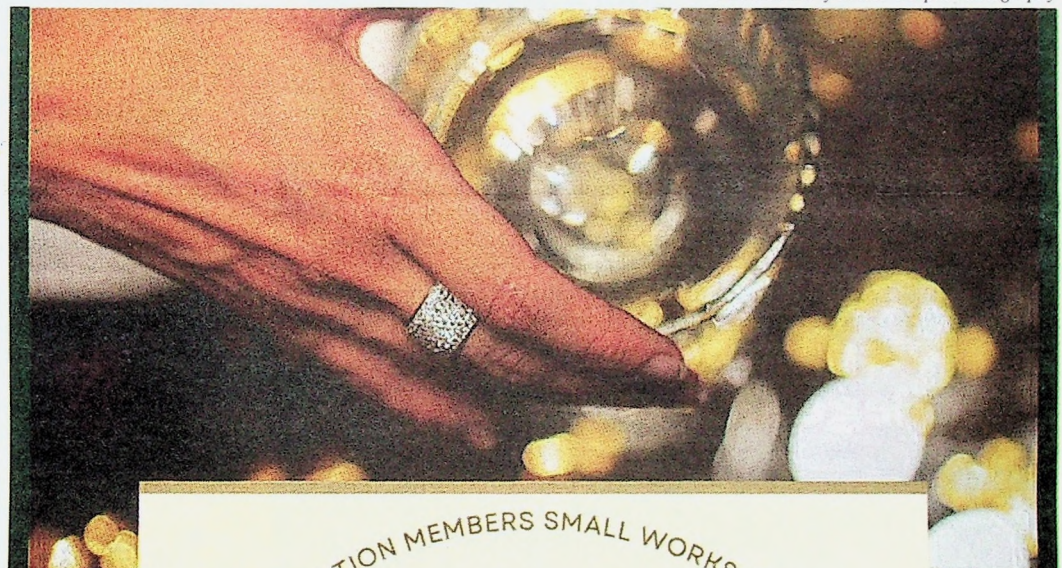
"The need is great," said Strollo. "While the pandemic is easing for some, recovery has been slow for many in the low-income

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QUINCY COMMUNITY ACTION Programs held a ribbon cutting on Nov. 29 to celebrate the reopening of its South West Community Center. From left to right: first row: QCAP Board President Tim McAloon, Esq., Mayor Thomas P. Koch, Paul M. Connolly, Pat Connolly. Second Row: Board Asst. Treasurer Doug Moseley, Board Vice President Josephine Shea, CEO Beth Ann Strollo, South West Community Center Director Melinda Alexander. Third Row: Board Member Emeritus Jim Murdoch, Board Treasurer Reverend Sheldon Bennett, Board Member Maureen Ayers, Board Member Michelle Higgins, Board Member Linda Perry, Board Clerk Nan O'Neill, Esq., Board Member Pat Packard and Board Member Mike Berry.

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Parents Voice Support For Teachers; Supt. Hopeful Contract Is Close

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contract did not expire until September.
"That stuff troubles me."
Committee member Tina

Cahill said the committee does value the city's teachers.
"I couldn't be more proud of the work the teachers do

in the classroom every day and the inference that we as a school committee take them for granted is upsetting to me, and I'm concerned

about the inaccurate information that is being shared about contract negotiations on social media and in the community," Cahill said.

"We cannot comment on the specifics and we shouldn't comment on the specifics, and neither should the QEA."

Committee member Emily Lebo, a former teacher and administrator in the district, said she could not be more pleased with or proud of the city's educators. The school board is trying to

come to a compromise with the union, she added.

"We have been trying to compromise and it doesn't feel like anything is coming back for us to compromise with," Lebo said. "It's a little discouraging to hear people saying that we're not compromising and we don't have respect for our teachers when we can't...come out and publicly say what's in the negotiations."

Committee member Paul Bregoli, a former educator

and QEA representative, said the current negotiations are unlike any he has seen before.

"The way negotiations have gone this go around is like nothing I have ever seen before in the city, and I don't know where it is coming from. The mayor alluded to the MTA. I think they're part of the problem. They are not part of the solution," Bregoli said.

"I hope you see I am upset."

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CITY REALTY/CITY KIDS recently donated \$3,000 to Quincy Public Schools. Steve Whalen, right, founder of City Kids, presents the check to Leslie Bridson who runs the "Helping Families in Transition" - a program designed to help Quincy Public Schools students who are homeless or struggling to make ends meet.

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Quincy Point Congregational Church

It is the Fourth Week of Advent and Light the Celebrate Candle Dec. 18 at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St., Quincy.

The Point Handbell ringers will be performing again Sunday for the final week of Bells for Christmas. The Ultimate Sweater Contest also takes place. Wear your prettiest or ugliest Christmas sweater.

Worship and advent wreath ceremony starts at 10 a.m. The Advent Wreath will be lit by the Liz Milch and Emily Elmore. Worship is in person and live streamed. View worship via live stream on the Quincy Point Congregational Church's Facebook or YouTube pages or at www.quincypointcong.org.

The sanctuary is accessible to all with designated

parking and an elevator on the Abbey Road side of the church. After worship join in the Social Hall for coffee fellowship, light refreshments, and the Christmas Sweater contest.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. there will be a Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance and Hope at Quincy Point Congregational Church. The holiday season can be a time of great stress, sorrow, loneliness,

and loss, even when surrounded by holiday cheer. Through music, prayer, scripture, silence, candlelight, and reflection we will lift these challenges to God.

This ecumenical service is open to people of all faith traditions and even those with no faith traditions - it is a service for anyone and everyone who finds themselves dealing with "the blues" during holiday season.

Quincy Choral Society Concert Sunday

Under the direction of Sarah Labrie, Quincy Choral Society will perform the New England premiere of "Angel Band" as the featured work of its December concert.

This new work is a full bluegrass Christmas can-

tata that grew out of the co-creators' love for the tunes and texts coming from the Appalachian Mountains and the shape-note and early Moravian singing traditions. With this work, composers/arrangers Tim Sharp and Timothy Michael Powell envisioned bands of angels singing and playing at the Nativity as described in the gospel of Luke.

In addition, the chorus will perform exuberant arrangements of favorite holiday songs, a traditional Ukrainian carol, and two Christmas pieces arranged for choir and four-hand piano.

The performance will be held at St. Mary of the Hills Church, 29 St. Mary's Rd., Milton, Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the door.



It's exciting to think that in a couple of weeks, many college students will return home to Quincy for Winter break. It's always lovely to see familiar faces around town again and a chance for friends and families to reconnect, recharge their batteries and unwind.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 2

LARCENY (package), 11:14 a.m., West Squantum Street. Reporting party in front lobby.

LARCENY (checking), 11:35 a.m., Broad Street. See caller in police lobby. From fraud to larceny.

LARCENY (past/stolen package), 5:33 p.m., Wood-cliff Road. Reporting party states she has security footage of two males taking reporting party's package off her porch. Happened around 2:38 p.m. today. In the video it has two male suspects and the car. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (delivery stolen), 9:46 p.m., Sumner Street. Reporting party says her neighbors took her packages that got delivered today. She has a photo to show the officer where the items were left. Says her neighbors are home now but they aren't answering the door. Report to be filed.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (missing car), 11:35 p.m., Granite Street. Honda CRV, silver. Keys in the car and car was on. States he left the car for one minute to go in the restaurant and it was missing when he came out. Stolen MV form filled out and turned in.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (past), 6:57 p.m., Smith Street. Electrician is on scene with reporting party and states someone cut the wires of her heating system. Reporting party states wifi set up was stolen and just noticed about 20 minutes ago. Requesting an officer to see the cut wires. Report to be filed. Happened between Feb. 12 and today.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (commercial), 8:24 a.m., Station Street. Toddler 1 motion. Key holder was notified. From burglary alarm to breaking and entering/past. Report.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (window smashed), 12:44 p.m., Wentworth Road. Garage window is smashed out. Garage is separate from house. Does not appear to be anything missing. Report.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE, 12:58 p.m., Willard Street. NIBRS filed. Reporting party keeps calling with different info.

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BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST, 2:23 p.m., Marriott Drive. Three teens on bikes, broke cameras inside. Left on bikes five minutes. Employee has pictures. Males were in the hotel earlier.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (car), 3:45 p.m., Crown Colony Drive. Car was hit by carts in BJ's parking lot. Minor damage rear of driver's side. Reporting party told store management. Correction: rear damage. Case number given.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (items missing), 10:03 a.m., Merrymount Road. Brewster notified, male party making q5 statements. Last seen on foot on Greenleaf Street. White male, 50s, wearing jacket and grey sweats. Caller will meet officer back at his house to make sure sp male is not in the apartment again. Officers and xray at apartment. Key holder on scene. Officer will file for past B&E, will file from cruiser at address in case suspect returns home. Suspect is wanted for a psych eval for q5 statements also.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

LARCENY (airpods), 8:52 a.m., Coddington Street. See caller in police lobby. Her 15-year-old daughter's airpods stolen at school.

LARCENY (check stolen), 8:55 a.m., Brackett Street. From apartment. Door unlocked while out. For rent, is missing from dresser. Found check. Caller called back.

LARCENY (lawn mower/rake/gas), 9:25 a.m., Trafford Street. See caller in police lobby. Report.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (Toyota Venza keyed), 11:49 a.m., Bayside Road. Car keyed scratched down side door. Blue Toyota Venza parked in driveway. Reporting party is outside. Driver's side door scratched and tires punctured sometime in last 2-3 weeks. No suspect info, case number provided.

LARCENY (cell phone), 3:30 p.m., Washington Street. Middle floor. Restriction notice to stay away from Thomas Crane. Officer rideout. If violation seen contact probation officer. Reporting party gone on arrival.

LARCENY (package stolen), 6:05 p.m., Holmes Street. See caller in the QPD lobby. Caller had package

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delivered but no one at caller's house got the package. Incident closed. Case number provided. No suspect info.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (egging), 6:26 p.m., Algonquin Road. Caller said his house was egged two times in the last five days. Happening between 4 and 5 p.m. Case number provided.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST, 7:12 p.m., Belmont Street. Caller arrived home and she said everything in her house is thrown all over the place. 808 and 804 on scene. NIBRS to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE, 6:20 a.m., Beechwood Street. Last seen last night at 8 p.m. when male parked in front of the house. Doors were unlocked and key was left in the vehicle. Form filled out, case number provided. CJIS entered.

LARCENY (watches), 8:59 a.m., Bigelow Street. No answer, no pick up on the call back and mail box is full. Unit clear. Reporting party called back. 784 is on scene. Report.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (dwelling), 9:33 a.m., Hancock Street. Maintenance man. Report.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 11:29 a.m., Beechwood Street. In QPD lobby. Has video. Report.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PROGRESS, 12:10 p.m., Furnace Brook Parkway. White male, bald in a grey Astro van. Reporting party states neighbor is in London and no one should be there and neighbor calls reporting party if someone is going there. Reporting party did not see male enter the house only backyard. She is calling neighbor now. Reporting party is seeing this on her camera. Party checks out. Watching the home for the owner.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (razor in tire), 11:27 p.m., Hancock Street. Reporting party states someone stabbed her black Chevy Trax with a razor. Reporting party found a note on windshield stating that someone stabbed her tire and to "watch out." Reporting party has no suspects. Reporting party was provided case number and advised. Incident closed

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81 Years Later, City Remembers Those Killed At Pearl Harbor

By SCOTT JACKSON

About two dozen residents, including many veterans, gathered on Dec. 7 to remember the 2,400 Americans killed 81 years prior during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The city held its annual observance that morning at the World War II memorial inside Mount Wollaston Cemetery, which bears the names of the 255 Quincy resident killed during the war. Daniel Tinney, the commander of the Quincy Veterans Council, said he was glad to see such a strong turnout for the observance, which was held outdoors on a rainy morning.

"President Roosevelt said that it would be a day

of infamy, so here we are gathered to remember the fallen service members and civilians that were lost that day. I just want to thank you all for coming out," Tinney said. "This is a pretty good turnout for everybody to see."

Christine Cugini, the city's director of veterans' services, also referred to Roosevelt's address to Congress the day after the attack, quoting the president as saying, "Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger. With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so

help us God."

"Those words today could still and still mean so much and are very true," Cugini said.

It is important to remember the sacrifice made by those while serving the nation, she added later in the ceremony.

"It is up to us to remember and honor the brave men and women who fought and paid the ultimate sacrifice. It is up to us to continue to bring the children to these ceremonies to teach them and to get them involved," Cugini said. "God bless our service members and their families, today and always. God bless America."

The chaplain of the Quincy Veterans' Council,

the Rev. John Swanson, said in his invocation that many of those killed during the attack did not even know what hit them.

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for our country and we thank you that we remember those that died in a sense not even knowing what hit them on that terrible day, Dec. 7, 1941. Lord, may we forever remember them — those who are forever young and those who maybe were not so young," Swanson said. "Bless this country and bless this day."

Mayor Thomas Koch noted war was already raging in Asia and Europe at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which was coordinated with strikes against American and British territories around the Pacific. In the wake of the surprise attack, men and women across the United States rushed to enlist in the armed forces to defeat the axis powers, and Koch said their service should never be forgotten.

"It wasn't yet on our shores until Pearl Harbor, at which time the recruiting stations were jammed with lines for the young men and women to join in the effort to defeat Nazism, fascism

— the axis powers of Japan and Germany. It's dubbed, as Tom Brokaw had said, 'The Greatest Generation,'" the mayor said.

"I think some of the reason he dubbed it that was these are men that grew up in the depression. These men were quitting high school at 16 or 17 to get into the service. They were putting aside their future to defend the freedoms that we've enjoyed in this country and we should never, never forget that. In a time of cancel culture and a time of lack of respect for history, it's important that we are here. It's important we continue to do this each and every year, as we do those other important dates during the year, to never forget. This nation stands as a beacon around the world. We've got to continue that tradition."

"At the end of the day," Koch added, "let us remember those souls that died at Pearl Harbor, but also that died in every corner of the earth in that battle to save the world against tyranny in subsequent battles and wars since that time."

The guest speaker at this year's ceremony was Guy Ferris, a former captain in the US Air Force. His father,

then a captain in the Army Air Corps, was stationed at Hickam Field. On the morning of the attack, Ferris' father was with a group of B-17s being flown from San Francisco to Hawaii en route to elsewhere in the Pacific — the group he was in arrived at Hickam Field the following day — while Ferris' mother and sisters were on Oahu.

"My mother and my two sisters were in the kitchen under the table when the Arizona blew up and the shock wave knocked the ceiling fixture down on the table. A few hours later they were scooped up by some Army guys in a bus and off to the mountains. When my dad got back on Monday, he didn't find them for like two weeks because nobody had any lists, nobody wrote anything down, they just trucked off to the mountains," Ferris said.

"Anyway, they went right back to work. They demolished one hanger, they saved another and they started putting Hickam Field back together and... they didn't look back."

Soon after the attack, Ferris' father was promoted to the rank of colonel and

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Job Opportunities At ANHP

Adams National Historical Park, Quincy, announces several employment opportunities available now for permanent and seasonal positions with benefits.

The first is a maintenance worker permanent position which includes work at both the John and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces and The Old House at Peacefield. This position performs routine but crucial work involved in the maintenance and repair of grounds, exterior structures, buildings and related utilities, requiring the use of a variety of trade practices associated with occupations such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing electrical, cement

work, painting, landscaping, custodial and other related trades. This position is year round but includes options for full and part time hours. The pay scale is \$21.07 - \$24.62 per hour depending on experience.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/689772200>

The second position is a preservationist permanent career-seasonal position which includes work at both the John and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces and The Old House at Peacefield. In this position, the incumbent will perform a variety of journey level preservation work, including, constructing and fabricating

cabinetry, furniture, and other types of rehabilitation. They will perform carpentry work and preservation elements such as structural framing and reconstruction of interior and exterior trim, and roofing, etc. They will also maintain, and rebuild of a variety of surfaces and structures of brick, block, stone, lime based mortar and other related materials. Career seasonal positions are for the majority of the year and include the same benefits as a full-time position but will include a furlough of at least one pay period. The pay scale is \$26.18 - \$30.51 per hour depending on experience.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/689408800>

The third position is a gardener career-seasonal position which includes work at both the John and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces and The Old House at Peacefield. The position will afford you the opportunity to tend lush gardens with flowers that date back to as early as the 1700s, to shape the landscape surrounding the house and propagate new growth during the spring, and play a key part in attracting visitors to the site. The job would primarily run from March to December each year. The pay scale is \$24.95 - \$29.09 per hour depending on experience and position.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/690719600>

POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

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THURSDAY, DEC. 8

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (vehicle), 8:52 a.m., Farrington Street. Serviced. Report.

LARCENY (dog), 8:07 p.m., Ring Avenue. See caller in the QPD lobby. Caller has a video of someone in a Toyota pulling up in front of his house and stealing his dog. Report filed.

Total Calls For Service Dec. 2 - Dec. 9: 1,151

BREAKING AND ENTERING IN PROGRESS: Furnace Brook Parkway

LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE: Beechwood Street, Willard Street, Granite Street

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Wollaston Baptist Welcomes New Pastor: The Rev. Dr. André Morgan

The First Baptist Church of Wollaston is pleased to announce and welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Dr. André Morgan.

The Rev. Dr. André Morgan didn't initially come to the First Baptist Church of Wollaston to be the pastor, but reflecting on it now, he saw that God had other plans in mind.

"I simply came through pulpit supply for the month of August," he said, describing how he accepted a call to help out at the church while they were going through the process of finding, interviewing and selecting a new pastor. When asked what drew him to FBCW, he explains: "God did...The reception that I received...the community drew me...the warmth drew me...the spirit of the environment drew me. I also saw myself fitting in and becoming a partner [here]." He describes the series of events that led to him being approached and ultimately selected as their new pastor as "divine intervention" and is excited to be a part of what he describes as a "community of compassion."

Pastor André (which is his preferred moniker) has had a spiritual journey that has spanned continents, ex-



Rev. Dr. ANDRÉ MORGAN

periences, and pivotal life moments before his journey ultimately brought him to the First Baptist Church of Wollaston. Growing up in Philadelphia (where he says he was "raised to really care about people") served as the foundation to his spiritual journey followed by many important moments thereafter, including service work in Africa he completed during a global exchange program, working for the U.S. Department of State, and serving as a youth pastor for years in Houston, TX just to name a few. Throughout all his experiences, there is a common thread: God was calling him to serve others throughout his life. "God always showed up at interesting times in my life to really change the path that I was on and to really change my heart," he shares. He credits each experience and

adventure with helping him build the important skills he needed to serve and lead others including learning how to build teams, developing strategies and raising funds to support a cause in need. "As a pastor and leader of other pastors over the years, I've learned quite a bit...I'm developing even now...I'm so very grateful for what God has done for me and can truly say that I've been blessed," he says.

Pastor André enjoys his work and is looking forward to continuing it at the First Baptist Church of Wollaston. "The most rewarding part of being a pastor is being able to see the impact you have on people and processes in the communities you serve," he says. When asked what he most wants people to know about him, he shared the following: "1. I love God first and foremost, 2. I care about God's people, 3. I'm committed to serve." As he steps into his new role, he wants to help FBCW focus on making sure the community knows who they are and that they are there to help. "We grow when others know," he says. "My vision is not that we will just grow and develop ministries, but that we will have a great impact

on multi-varied communities." He shares that the goal is "to build people so that we can have an impact in every space where we show up daily."

The Rev. Dr. Morgan holds a Doctor of Education Leadership degree from Harvard University, a Doctor of Philosophy degree from American University, and degrees of Master of Teaching and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia.

An avid outdoorsman, the Rev. Dr. Morgan appreciates and engages in adventure sports. He has jumped out of airplanes, swam with sharks, hiked trails during torrential downpours, and climbed a number of mountains.

As the world prepares to enter another year that will undoubtedly bring its own challenges, opportunities and blessings, Pastor André offers the following words of hope: "Ears haven't heard and eyes haven't seen what God has in store for those who love him."

We invite the community to join us in welcoming him to the First Baptist Church of Wollaston.

More information can be found at firstbaptist-churchofwollaston.org.

Ask Barbara Graceffa:

Transitional Décor: A Harmonious Marriage

My husband and I have each taken a design quiz and the results indicate we like transitional style. Yet, he definitely leans toward traditional and I to contemporary. Can you help me understand transitional style? I'm interested in knowing the color schemes, characteristics, fabrics, and finishes – the whole shebang so we can live in harmony. *Jada and Miller*

Harmony is key – in life and interior decorating, especially in transitional settings.

Transitional design is the marriage of two or more interior design styles into a unified look. Whether you describe it as hybrid, fusion, compromise, blended, or mix and match, it is one of the top four design styles along with traditional, contemporary, and modern – and guess what, it draws from these styles.

Making the scene in the 1950s as a response to the sleekness and straight lines of mid-century modern style, transitional design is a nod "to the old, classical styles (of traditional décor) using modern materials and elements to increase usability, all the while maintaining that unique flavor of a timeless design with a special twist," says Bryan Stoddard of Homewares Insider.

Color schemes include the neutrals of white, grays, tans, and browns or monochromatic palettes of calming blues or greens. In the living room, furniture pieces combine straight lines with soft curves, nothing overly ornate, using textural fabrics like velvet, bouclé, corduroy, leather, and linen. Lighting showcases brushed metal, steel, and brass with light woods and rattan finishes. Used sparingly, art choices include paintings as well as framed and matted photos. And don't forget the plants, white faux fur throws, and soft toss pillows.

Need more inspiration? Try a white kitchen with a blue-gray island with chrome pendants and brushed nickel legs on the wooden counter stools. In the dining room, choose a modern table with straight lines while selecting a traditional pattern on the upholstered chairs. In the bathroom, choose a wooden vanity with white fixtures and a large print floral wallpaper on the walls or ceiling. Otherwise, just visit Crate and Barrel or Pottery Barn to find the ultimate in transitional décor.

Barbara Graceffa owns and operates Secretary of the Interior in Quincy, offering creative solutions at reasonable rates. Learn more about her decorating, downsizing, decluttering and home décor sewing services, decorating workshops, and quilt programs and shows at www.sec-interior.com, read her blog at secretaryinteriordecorating.blog and enjoy her art quilts on Instagram @secretaryinteriordecorating. You can reach her at 617-921-6033.

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John the Magician and three other magicians will put on a great, family friendly show! We'll have latkes and sufganiyot.

Then, at 4PM we'll head to the Gazebo to light the Community Menorah at 4:15 p.m. Please RSVP by calling 781-925-0091.

Bethany Congregational Church

Bethany Congregational Church invites the public to its Fourth Sunday in Advent service, Christmas Sunday, Dec. 18. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will be special music and guest soloists at this service, and there will be church school classes during the service. Rev. Patrick McCorkle will be preaching his sermon. Coffee Hour

is held after services in the Allen Parlor. Come for refreshments and conversation.

The Sunday service will be available online via YouTube. Go to the church website for the link, or directly to YouTube. For all events at Bethany Church, masks and sanitizer are available.

The public is welcome to visit the Thrift Shop located

at 22 Spear St. right next to the church. The hours are Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday evenings 4 to 7 p.m. You will see a sign directing you toward the entrance. Proceeds from this shop will be used to fund missions.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second and fourth Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Bethany Church. If you are interested in attending, contact the church and leave a message, or ask someone about it at Coffee Hour. If you don't know how to knit

or crochet, members can teach you.

Broad Horizons Preschool is open and accepting students both full and part-time, for the fall session. To inquire and/or fill out an application, go to the website at Broadhorizons-bethany.com or call 617-471-0022.

Bethany Congregational Church is located at 18 Spear St., Quincy. Website is: bethanyconchurch.org. Email address is: bethanyconchurch@yahoo.com. Telephone number is: 617-479-7300.

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Quincy, North Quincy High Students Attend HPIE Day At Harvard

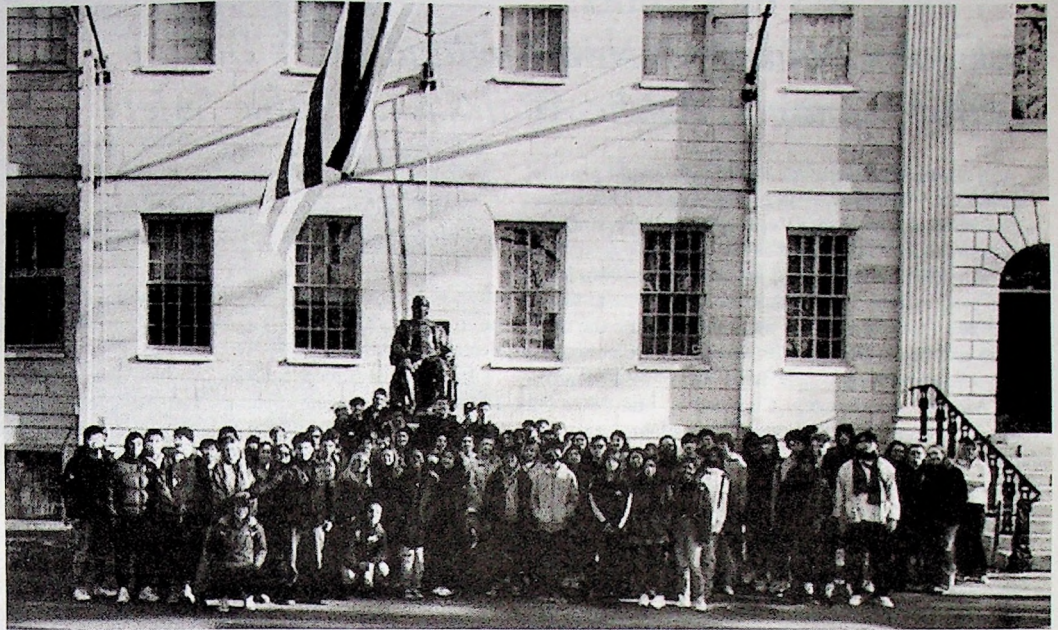
Over 75 students from history classes at Quincy High School and North Quincy High School participated in Harvard's Program for International Education (HPIE).

Each semester, undergrads from Harvard visit QPS high school classes for 5 periods to teach about global issues. This semester's topic was International Organizations. The curriculum "aimed to use intergovernmental organizations as a lens to understand themes of globalization, cooperation and negotiation." Each week, QPS students read, discussed, and debated about intergovernmental organizations which included the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the International Criminal Court, etc.

The culmination of HPIE was a full-day field trip to the Harvard campus — including a tour, breakfast and lunch — where students from Quincy and Boston collaborated in raising awareness about global concerns including ocean pollution, refugees, women's rights, etc. Students separated into smaller groups and created power point, poster, and video pieces which were later presented to everyone.

HPIE offered an essay contest in which students were charged with improving an existing intergovernmental agency with three policy recommendations. Winners of Amazon gift cards for their exceptional essays were Yu Fan Mei (first place), Sonny Le (second place), and Maddy Baryza (third place).

Classes participating were Ms. Fernandez (NQHS), and Ms. Good, Ms. Lundquist and Ms. McMillen (QHS).



OVER 75 STUDENTS from history classes at Quincy High School and North Quincy High School participated in Harvard's Program for International Education (HPIE). *Courtesy Photo*

School Committee To Vote On Cellphone Ban

By SCOTT JACKSON

The School Committee is set to vote next month on a new policy that would ban the use of cellphones and other personal electronic devices in the classroom.

The revised policy was on the agenda for the committee's meeting on Dec. 7 after having been approved in subcommittee. The item

is eligible for final approval at the committee's next meeting on Jan. 11.

The proposed policy states that the use of cellphones and other personal electronic devices during the school day, "negatively impacts student engagement with learning activities and is often a source of disciplinary interventions." It

also notes that all students in grades 4 to 12 have also been issued Chromebooks they can use in the classroom as needed.

To curb those distractions, the policy would prohibit the use of personal electronic devices — including but not limited to cellphones, tablets, smart watches and headphones —

during academic classroom time. The policy would not apply during lunch or study periods or when students pass between classes.

During class, students would be required to have their cellphone and other devices off at all times; having them on silent or vibrate would not be acceptable. Those devices would have to be put away during class and staff members could request that the devices be placed in a designated storage area in the room. Ex-

ceptions to the policy could be made by the principal or their designee and by individual teachers to accommodate a student's IEP or 504 plan.

First-time offenders would be required to turn over their device in the main office and would be able to retrieve them at the end of the day. A parent or guardian would have to pick up the device upon the second and any subsequent offenses. Third-time offenders

would be prohibited from bringing any personal electronic devices to school for remainder of the academic year. Repeated violations could be subject to additional disciplinary actions.

The school board's policy subcommittee met to consider the new rules for electronic devices on Sept. 22 and subsequently surveyed staff about cellphones. The subcommittee gave its approval to the revised policy on Nov. 28.

North Quincy High School Receives \$1,500 Prevention Grant

North Quincy High School's peer leaders have earned a \$1,500 grant from Norfolk Dist. Atty. Michael Morrissey to support their drug, alcohol and dangerous behavior prevention, intervention, and education work.

The grant was one of seven awarded by Morrissey at his Peer Leadership Conference, held at Patriot Place in November.

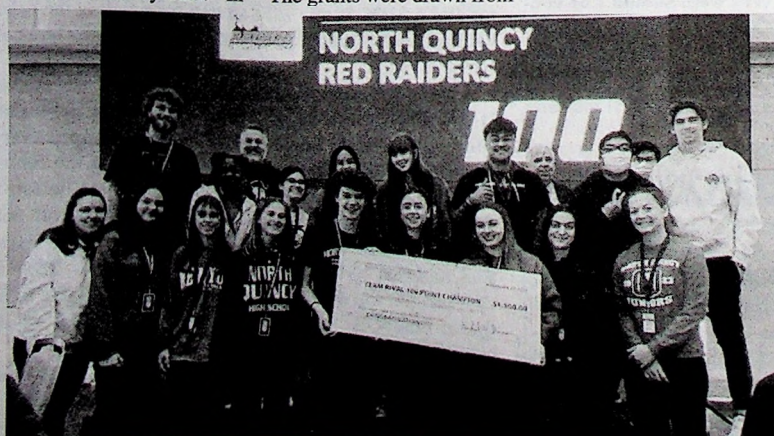
"Each of these teams earned a perfect score in last year's Team Rival competition, which my outreach staff coordinates to connect Norfolk County high schools with local and regional prevention opportunities," Morrissey said. "In

addition to attending last year's conference, young leaders encouraged their peers to take the Arbella Insurance 'Distractology Training' addressing distracted driving, and to create TikTok videos supporting kindness and respect."

Morrissey said that the coming year's competition includes connecting students with FEMA's "Until Help Arrives" emergency training, Distractology, and AAA's "Shifting Gears" safe driving program. "We were able to push more than \$10,000 in grants out to schools that demonstrated their dedication to prevention work at the local level." The grants were drawn from

funds seized from drug traffickers and dealers, then ordered forfeited by a judge following a successful criminal prosecution. Yearly challenges are chosen based on risk factors for new drivers identified through the DA's office caseload.

"We take the money that judges have identified as the proceeds of destructive criminal activity and repurpose those dollars to education and prevention that will make our communities stronger," Morrissey said. "But that only works because we have strong community partners like we do in the city of Quincy — doing the work on the ground."



NORTH QUINCY HIGH School's peer leaders have earned a \$1,500 grant from Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey to support their drug, alcohol and dangerous behavior prevention, intervention, and education work. *Courtesy Photo*

City Remembers Pearl Harbor

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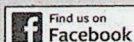
put in charge of the Hawaiian depot, the main repair facility for the Pacific Theater. Among those he served alongside and befriended were Major Gen. Albert Boyd, a highly decorated pilot; Capt. James Green, a submarine commander

with one of the highest Japanese tonnage scores in the war; and Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, who commanded the B-29 wing on Tinian from which the Enola Gay departed on its mission to bomb Hiroshima.

"When I see these remembrances, it's very real

to me. These people were there," Ferris said. "They lived it and they put all they had into and they are part of how we defeated that axis of evil. I'm proud to have known them. Thank you for coming, and thank you for listening."

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Saturday, December 17
12pm: Jazzy Bill's Christmas Special, Part 6
1pm: Thanksgiving Football

Sunday, December 18
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1pm: The Call

Monday, December 19
11:30am: AM Quincy: DOVE
5:30pm: CIQ Interview: NFPA

Tuesday, December 20
7pm: CIQ Interview: Salvation Army
8pm: Quincy Christmas Parade

Wednesday, December 21
6pm: Quincy Point Cong. Good News
7pm: The Call

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I'm most appreciative of any help you might provide. I have a 2003 Toyota Tacoma 2.4L pickup (110,000 miles) with a check engine light. I've watched all the YouTube videos on code P0171 and have been unable to correct the wacky (high) fuel trims. I checked for vacuum leaks in the evap system, brake booster. Engine vac at idle is about 20. Disconnected the vacuum lines for the evap system and brake booster with no change. Cleaned the MAP sensor, nothing. Also tried a few MAP sensors from Amazon, no change. Changed up and down O2 sensors, nothing. Engine temp and intake temp, the same within a few degrees. I have not changed the fuel filter or checked fuel pressure, but since the engine runs so well, I'm skeptical that that's the issue. I also sprayed the entire intake system with ether to see if there was a leak, nothing. Also checked the fuel pressure regulator, seems okay. I'm generally pretty good at troubleshooting, but I've hit a wall. I'm reluctant to take it to a shop since the cost to diagnose and repair could approach the value of the truck. You're kind of my last stop.

The most common fixes are replacing the O2 sensors followed by replacing the mass air flow sensor. I wouldn't think it is a fuel pressure or volume issue based on how you say it runs. I'm also guessing there are no exhaust leaks. One odd one that I have seen is a PCV valve and hose causing the issue. In repair history there are a few cases of faulty ECMs, which is certainly possible but in general very unlikely. One final tip: be a bit weary of some aftermarket oxygen sensors. I have seen some than just don't work.

I recently purchased a 2022 Hyundai Tucson which was equipped with an Automatic Rain Sensor to control the wipers when raining. It never worked from the start and after three frustrating visits back to Hyundai for service we are back at square one with no resolution to the problem. Any thoughts or ideas on the issue?

As long as the wipers are in the "auto" setting they should come on whenever the windshield gets wet. Spraying the windshield with a light spray of water should be an easy method to verify the system works. At this point I would ask the dealer to bring a field engineer in to look at the problem.

I was wondering why you do not emphasize ASE Certified mechanics when recommending a shop. AAA of course is fine; however, you are ASE certified and I would believe this helps someone to know he can trust his mechanic is well trained. I have a lot of respect for training and the ASE testing is tough.

Thanks for the reminder about ASE certification. At AAA to become an Approved Auto Repair shop we require ASE certification and frankly I'm used to AAA AAR shops being ASE certified (which we check on an ongoing basis. Yes, if you are in an unfamiliar area, looking for AAA Approved Auto Repair signs and ASE signs are a good place to start when looking for a repair shop.

My question pertains to filters. Are OEM filters the "best" for general use of cars? One can assume that the manufacturer's engineers have developed the filters to best protect their vehicles or is an aftermarket brand better assuming cost is not in the equation. I have a Chevy. Should I use a Delco oil filter or a Hastings oil filter?

You can never go wrong with using factory OEM filters. You mentioned Delco and Hasting, and both are great filters. Since Delco filters are readily available, if I had a GM vehicle that is what I would use. On my family vehicles I use the factory filters or try to find the supplier who makes the OEM filter.

My wife's 2012 Lexus RX 350 has a battery that is at least three years old. Recently, a repair shop ran a test, and claimed it was at 40 percent capacity. There are no

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obvious indications that it is getting weaker. At what point would you replace it and where would you go: The dealer, tire store or auto parts store?

If it is at 40 percent capacity it is time to replace it before the temperatures really drop. At freezing temperatures, a good battery can lose up to a third of its cranking power and when the temperatures drop to zero the engine can take up to 50 percent more power to crank due to the thicker oil and engine tolerances. As you are checking battery prices AAA members (if you are one) can have a quality six-year Interstate battery delivered and installed at your home for a competitive price. Prior to installation AAA technicians also test the electrical system and double check the current battery's performance.

I am the original owner of a 2002 Toyota Highlander with a V-6 engine and all-wheel-drive with only about 107,000 miles. It has been a really good vehicle for me, and I currently use it as a secondary vehicle. The VSC (vehicle stability control) light has been on for some time. Many years ago, it would come on and I'd bring it to the shop and usually they would replace a sensor. Most of the time the light would come on again on my way home from the shop. This happened at least three times. We never quite figured out what the issue is. Now my engine light is also on, and I don't know if it is related. Any ideas before I spend a fortune diagnosing the issue? I just had it inspected and replaced all the brake pads and three of the calipers. Nothing else was needed. Any thoughts?

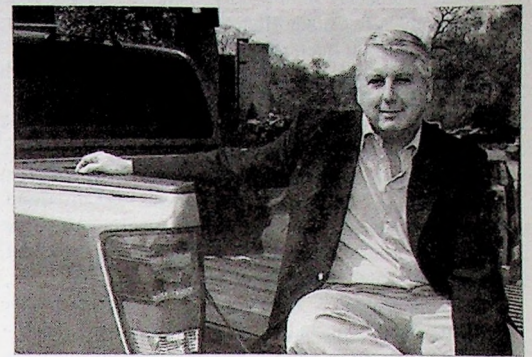
You need to start with some basic diagnostics. Using a scan tool, a technician will be able to read the code for the VSC issue as well as the check engine light. I suspect there is another sensor or tone ring issue that is turning on the VSC light and common with this vintage Highlander is a leak in the evaporative emissions system. Unfortunately, it will take some time and your money to find the cause of the problem. Also, I question why the shop only replaced three calipers. This can lead to uneven braking.

When shopping recently for a new car, I was shocked to learn that cars do not have CD players in them and haven't for several years. I have a 2017 and a 2019 BMW X3 and I cannot imagine not having a CD player since I am always listening to books on CD. Are there any new cars that have CD players in them?

There are a few vehicles with CD players. Ford, Nissan and I believe the last Cadillac I drove had a CD player. Unfortunately, CD players are going the way of cassette tapes and 8-tracks (dating myself). If you find a vehicle you like you may be able to add an aftermarket CD changer. Also, my local library has a feature that allow you to download a MP3 audio books. Perhaps your library has a similar service. Then you can listen through Bluetooth from your phone.

I am the proud original owner of a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Pace car replica. I am keeping it a survivor at 120,000 miles. I have a very good shop specializing in GM vehicles go over the car and found very little mechanically to be done. A compression test showed all cylinders had compression of 135 -145 except the number three cylinder that was 115 pounds of compression. After a good tune-up the car runs very well. Should I be concerned with cylinder number 3 as the fix is a major job?

Generally, it is best when all of the cylinders have compression within 10 percent of each other. So, using your numbers having compression of less than 120 PSI indicates



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a problem. Although realistically at 115 PSI, I would just log it to age and know that at some point you may need to rebuild the engine. But if this were my car (1969 Camaros are one of my favorite cars), I would just drive it and enjoy it.

My question concerns my 1972 Buick Skylark braking system. I have been struggling with a hard brake pedal that takes very high effort to stop the car. In the past year I have replaced the brake booster, master cylinder, proportioning valve, all brake lines (both metal and rubber), front calipers, pads and rotors, and rear cylinders, hardware and shoes. The rotors are Hawk drilled and slotted and the pads are Hawk. The engine is a Buick 350 with a Rochester Q-jet on a TA aluminum intake, Kooks headers and a mild performance camshaft with 114 degree lobe separation (minimal overlap). Idle vacuum runs 16 to 18 inches. It used to have that GM power brake feel but hasn't in a long while. Any ideas?

I would start with checking engine vacuum at the brake booster; you should see between 17-21 inches of vacuum at idle. If it is less than this, it could be part of the problem. Also, the performance brake parts tend to work best when they are hot and have a bit of vague hard pedal when first starting out.

I own a 2014 Ford Shelby Mustang convertible with only 1,800 miles. It has some symptoms of bounce steer. On roads with ruts, it will move steering in that direction, and on some bumps, there is mild movement in steering wheel. I recently had alignment checked by a wheel alignment shop and everything checked out and the alignment was right on the numbers. Would you have any suggestions or ideas? Thank you very much.

Bounce steer or sometimes referred to as "bump" steer happens when the suspension is compressed and the angle of the steering geometry changes. Your Shelby Mustang may be slightly lowered than the stock model but still uses stock suspension parts. As the suspension is lowered the angle of one of the alignment adjustments (toe-in) will change and when you hit a bump will cause that angle to change and the steering to turn. There are kits that you can install that keep the tie-rod ends parallel and help eliminate this undesirable condition

The headlights are so cloudy on my car that I need to use the car's "brights" to see at night. I went to the dealer and was told it would cost \$750 to replace the headlights. At this time that is just too much money to spend. I have already tried toothpaste and the bug repellent Off and maybe there was a little change but nothing much. What can I do?

If the headlights aren't too far gone, you could try having the headlights professionally buffed out. A shop will use a high-speed buffer, mask off the painted area and using various compounds will buff away a small layer of the plastic until they get the lenses clear. This can usually be completed for about \$100. If this isn't an option, replacing the headlight assemblies with a quality aftermarket part can be a cost effective repair.

I have a recurring problem with my 2020 Honda H-RV. The dash display freezes whenever I get an incoming Bluetooth phone call. It doesn't happen every single time, but when it does, everything on the center console besides the clock freezes (screen, dials, buttons). The only way to fix it is to pull over, turn the car off, and turn it on again. I've brought it to my dealership's attention, and they have no clue how it even happens. They've checked for software updates, but nothing is done to fix that problem. Anything you have regarding this would be greatly appreciated.

Honda did issue a technical service bulletin 20-094 that addresses a very similar issue. The repair is a software update. In addition, if you are using a USB cable some generic phone cables can cause issues. Also make sure your phone software is up to date. Also, readers have told me that if

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ROSIE'S PIZZA recently celebrated its grand opening at the Adams Plaza, 550 Adams St., Quincy, with a ribbon cutting. The original Rosie's opened over 60 years ago in Braintree and recently scored a 9.2 rating for their pizza from Barstool Sports. Attending the ribbon cutting of their new location, from left to right: Vinh Ly, Quincy Chamber Ambassador, owners Greg Kartevakis and Tom Garefalakis, Mayor Tom Koch, Kostas Garefalakis, Katie Raimondi, Quincy Chamber Ambassador and Tim Cahill, president of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

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BBB Scam Alert:

Don't Fall For This Online Seller Trick When Buying Handmade Gifts

By BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

When the holiday season rolls around, many shoppers turn to online seller platforms to find unique, handmade gifts for their friends and family. Scammers have taken note, and according to recent BBB Scam Tracker reports, they're targeting shoppers with a not-so-unique scam. These recent reports say that the scam is taking place on well-known and reputable websites, such as Etsy (a BBB Accredited Business). Scammers might use this same scam tactic on other platforms as well.

How The Scam Works

You're browsing online when you find a special gift or holiday decoration that you'd like to purchase. The photos seem professional, and everything looks normal... except for one thing. In the item description, you find a message from the seller advising you not to make the purchase through the online sales platform where you have discovered it. Instead, the seller encourages you to purchase the item directly from their independent website, promising you'll get a hefty discount if you do.

If you follow the link to a website outside the original sales platform and make a purchase, you'll likely be disappointed when your card is charged, but the product never arrives. Unfortunately, that's because the product probably never existed in the first place. Worse yet, if you have fallen for this type of scam, your payment information will now be in the hands of unscrupulous characters.

One consumer reported this experience: "When I checked out the listing, there was a message that looks like this: 'DO NOT purchase from this store, visit our website to get 50% off.' I fell for it and purchased a pair of shoes. I received a confirmation email for my purchase with a tracking number. When nothing arrived, I sent multiple messages inquiring about my order and when I could expect shipment. I received no response. I went back to the website to input my tracking order, and the website was no longer available."

How To Avoid Online Shopping Scams

- **Do business with reputable websites.** In general, avoid going off-platform to buy from sellers that you discover online; it's much safer to purchase through reputable websites that help specialty sellers connect with buyers. Legitimate websites like Etsy have specific policies in place to protect sellers and buyers. For example, at Etsy, if an order isn't delivered, you can open a case with Etsy, and you may get your money back. If a seller asks you directly to shop outside of a website where they listed products, think twice. Etsy states: "To avoid scams and fraud, all transactions must take place on the Etsy platform, through the Etsy checkout system."

- **Research the seller.** Read customer reviews keeping an eye out for any reports of scams or dishonest behavior. If the seller doesn't have any reviews yet, do a general online search of the seller's name, the item, and the word "scam," just to be safe.

- **Protect your personal information.** When making purchases online, be careful with sensitive personal details, such as your name, address, and payment information. Read a website's privacy and security policies to find out how they use and protect your information (e.g., are they sharing it with third parties or using encryption?). Also, check the website's terms and conditions of sale, including specifics about issues such as delivery, refunds and restocking fees (which may be substantial). Decide whether you feel comfortable with these policies. If the website does not post easily accessible privacy and security policies and acceptable terms and conditions, consider it a red flag.

- **Shop with a credit card.** Whenever possible, use your credit card to make online purchases. It is easier to dispute fraudulent charges, and you have a better chance of getting your money back if something goes wrong. Demands to wire funds or use gift cards for payment are a major sign that you should just walk away.

Holiday Hours, Sales At Mite Box Thrift Shop

The Mite Box Thrift Shop at the Parish of St. Chrysostom, 1 Linden St., Quincy, will be open with special sales for Christmas shopping. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays through Dec. 21.

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their toll transponder is close to the phone, it can cause odd issues.

A few years ago, during the height of Covid-19, a vinegar and water solution was used to clean the interior of the car along with the leather upholstery. Shortly after, the driver's seat and left arm rest started to deteriorate and began to shred. This car is not garaged. Could the vinegar and water have dried out the leather and caused this along with the intense heat and cold weather changes. I just started using leather conditioner. Will that help? Or is the cleaning from a few years ago going to continue to deteriorate the interior?

Full strength vinegar can certainly dry out the leather upholstery, but when diluted with water shouldn't have caused a problem. Most interior materials are pretty resistant to vinegar cleaners, soap and alcohol. I suspect the problem is just due to age, exposure to sunlight and other environmental issues. Depending on the damage, a good quality leather conditioner may help bring back the overall appearance.

I am storing my Porsche Cayman in my unheated under house garage. I will be using a battery maintainer. Is there a brand you like? Should I lock the car?

In some vehicles I have found that unless you lock the car, the electronics never fully "go to sleep." Although the battery maintainer should be able to keep the battery fully charged, locking the doors makes sense. In addition, clean the car, fill the fuel tank, add fuel stabilizer, change the oil, check and top off the fluids and air up the tires to the maximum inflation pressure on the sidewall of the tires. Finally a good car cover will prevent any possible damage from moving things around in the garage. Regarding battery maintainers (float chargers) I use the Battery Tender, but CTEK seems to be the brand favored by Porsche owners.

I have a 2011 Mazda 6 that just hit 90,000 miles and it still has the original timing belt, however I'm getting nervous that it will "go" when I'm driving to visit my daughter who is 150 miles away. Is there anything a mechanic can see that can give me insight as to its condition? I'd rather be safe than anxious and nervous that my car will break down.

You don't have anything to worry about; your car, like many cars today, uses a timing chain. As long as the car is properly maintained the timing chain should last the life of the car. Typically, engines with timing belts need to have those belts replaced between 60,000 and 105,000 miles depending on the manufacturer. Readers if you are curious if your car has a timing belt or timing chain, send me an email with the year, make and model as well as engine size and I'll send you an answer.

I have read how important it is to keep tires properly inflated. My car has a placard on the driver's door frame and one on the fuel filler door. The problem is they list very different pressures. Which are accurate?

I always follow the recommendation on the driver's door placard. The only time I would vary this is if towing a trailer or other you have the vehicle filled with people and cargo. Even then never exceed the maximum pressure on the sidewall of the tire.

I own and still finance a 2018 Toyota Yaris iA. The car has now 80,685 miles on it. What maintenance should be

performed that will not make a hole in my pocket?

Preventative maintenance is the key to keeping repair cost down. Change the oil regularly, check and change the engine coolant (if it looks good replace it at 100,000 miles). From this point routine checkups are important. Check belts, hoses, tires, brakes steering and suspension. Once a year give the car a good overall checkup. Use the owner's manual as a guide and vary the maintenance based on your driving. If you drive a lot-heavy use (like Uber or Door Dash) change the oil and check the fluids more often.

I have a 2007 Toyota Sienna with 133,000 miles on it, which runs and looks great. I have religiously kept up on oil changes and the periodic maintenance stated in the Toyota manual. Now that the cooler weather has come upon us, I recently had to use my defroster to clear the frost from my windshield. After the temperature indicator on my dash showed a warm engine, I continued to feel cold air coming from the vent. I tried switching the A/C button on and off a few times thinking the compressor might be stuck. I then switched the defroster setting back to dash and floor car vents and it was still blowing cold air. Now the odd phenomenon: as I started to drive, the temperature through the vents came out hot. However, once I stopped for a light or sat in traffic the temperature dropped once again to a cold breeze. Again, as I started driving the temperature through the vents got hot. What is wrong?

I would start with the basics. What you describe is a classic example of a radiator that is low on coolant. Once the cooling system has been checked for proper operation including the engine thermostat opening and closing at a normal temperature, then it is time to look at the climate control ducts. If the blend door that mixes warm and cold air is sticking, then the temperature out of the ducts will be very irregular.

My car is old and hasn't been driven in a long time and has a flat tire. I can get the lug nuts loose but can't get the wheel off. Any ideas of getting the wheel off?

Sometimes apply a liberal coating of penetrating oil; let it sit for a few hours will dissolve away the rust. If that doesn't work, loosen the lug nuts (about one third) and rock the car back and forth. The weight of the car and gravity may break the rust lose. In years past and this was a Chevrolet suggestion that would work, I inflated a flat tire and drove the car in a circle to get the wheel off of its rusted perch to free up. Other than that, have the car towed where that can get it up on a lift and carefully hit the tire (not the wheel) to try to get it off the rusty hub.

I have a 2011 Hyundai Sonata with the 4-cylinder turbo charged engine. The oil light is flickering when coming to stop. What the mechanic did was change it from 5W-30 to 5W-40 to keep the light off. All the shop said was I will probably need an oil pump. Could the engine need an oil pump or is it just a bad light?

Your car should have 17 pounds of oil pressure at 1,000 RPM. That engine uses a simple oil pressure sender which costs about \$30 plus 30 minutes labor to install. The best thing to do is take out the sender and install a mechanical gauge and read the oil pressure. If the oil pressure is low, it is possible the engine needs an oil pump or could even have engine bearing wear.

OBITUARIES

Thomas H. Anderson, Jr., 82

Thomas Hamilton Anderson, Jr. of Marshfield, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. He was 82.

Tom grew up in Arlington, the son of Genevieve (Crowley) and Thomas H. Anderson. After high school, Tom earned his bachelor's degree at Northeastern University in 1962. He then started as an accountant with Elliot Business Machines, where he



THOMAS H. ANDERSON, JR.

also met the love of his life, his wife, Donna (Traverse).

Paulette D. Rispin, 73

Paulette D. Rispin, of Quincy, was a dedicated and fun-spirited mother, wife, friend, and registered nurse. Following a brief illness, she passed away at home in her sleep on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022.

She was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts. She was 73. Paulette was a passionate dog owner, gardener, and reader. Earlier in life, she was also an avid skier. Paulette deeply loved her family. She and her husband, Fred, could often be seen walking along the beach with their dogs, playing cornhole at the local senior center, or working on their home together. Paulette was a proud mother to her two sons. "Paulette used to say that her happiest times were when both her sons would come to her house and spend the night," her family said. Paulette was a lifelong registered nurse in the Boston area. Her nursing career lasted over 45 years. She retired in 2020. Paulette's passion for medicine and her fun personality would often both be on display at the dinner table. "She never hesitated to share exciting and funny nursing stories," her family said.



PAULETTE D. RISPIN

She is survived by her husband, Fred Williamson, Jr., her sons, Michael Rispin and Fred Williamson, III, and other relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Paulette's funeral Mass from Divine Mercy Parish in St. Ann's Church, 757 Hancock St., Quincy on Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 at 10 a.m. Immediately following her Mass, guests are invited to a gathering in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock Street, Quincy from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Her ashes will later be spread in a private family ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Paulette may be made to MSPCA-Angell, c/o Carter Luke Pet Care Assistance Fund, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

He earned a master's degree in business administration and progressed in his accounting career. As someone who loved consistency, Tom stayed with his company for 25 years, during which time it became Dymo Business Systems, then Addressograph Farrington, Inc. He later joined Electroschwitch, where he handled various accounting and management duties until his retirement.

Tom was a kind soul, who brought positivity and joy to all he met. Nothing brought him more pleasure than spending time with his family. He coached his children in baseball and football, and seldom missed a sporting event or piano recital for his two grandsons. He was an avid Boston sports fan, especially the Patriots and Bruins, and Larry Bird actually fell onto his lap during his first training camp in Marshfield! A devout Catholic, he will always be remembered for his thoughtfulness and generosity of spirit.

Beloved husband of 58 years to Donna. Devoted father of Tom Anderson and his wife Jennifer of Hingham, Tim Anderson and his wife Gricelda of Frisco, TX, Tracy Anderson of Pembroke, and Trudy Geloran and her husband David of Newmarket, NH. Loving sister of Judith Birtles, her husband Bill and daughter Jessica of Andover. Cherished grandfather of William Anderson of Louisville, KY and Nolan Anderson of Hingham.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), Hingham. Burial in Pembroke Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Thomas may be made to The Jimmy Fund c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Taisto A. "Ty" Maki, 90

Taisto "Ty" Anders Maki, age 90, of Quincy, passed away on Dec. 8, 2022, after a long illness. He was born in Merikarvia, Finland on July 27, 1932, the second of eight children, to the late Niilo Pihlajamaki and Saima (Makela) Pihlajamaki.

Taisto was a veteran of the Finnish army and a merchant mariner. He married Mary McNeice on June 26, 1965 at St. Bernadette's Church in Randolph. Taisto and Mary raised their 3 children in Quincy.

Taisto worked as an electrical drafter with Honeywell, and Stone and Webster, with assignments at the Millstone III nuclear power plant in Connecticut and Comanche Peak nuclear plant in Texas. Taisto made a career change later in life and graduated from the North Bennett Street School's Locksmith program. He owned his own locksmith business in the South Shore area until he retired at age 80.

Taisto was an avid hunter. He was a proud member of the Holbrook Sportsman's Club and the Finnish Masonic 357



TAISTO A. "TY" MAKI

Club. Ty and Mary enjoyed many years as members of the Viking Club in Braintree, singing in the Viking Voices group and attending weekend dances. Ty enjoyed boating and teaching his children how to fish. He loved being with his ten grandchildren, watching them grow, celebrating holidays and special occasions.

Taisto's faith was important to him. He was a parishioner of the Finnish Congregational Church and Faith Lutheran Church in Quincy.

Mr. Maki is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Mary E. (McNeice) Maki of Quincy, son Kaarlo Maki and his wife, LeeAnne of Quincy, Liisa Kulbaski and

her husband Mark of Easton, and James Maki and his wife Lisa, of South Boston. He was "Papa" to ten grandchildren, including Matthew and his wife Miranda, Lucas and Charles Maki, Nicholas, Andrew and Joseph Kulbaski, and Summer, Quinn, Reid and Thomas Maki. Mr. Maki is also survived by his brothers, Tarmo Pihlajamaki and Aatos Makela of Finland, and Laimi Silmu of Sweden, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy, on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 201 Granite Street, Quincy, on Thursday, 12/15/2022 at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children. <http://donate.lovetotherescue.org/Taisto>.

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Elizabeth Whelan, 94

Elizabeth "Bette" Whelan, of Hingham, MA passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at the age of 94.

The daughter of Walter and Edna Morton, Bette was born Sept. 13, 1928, in Cincinnati, OH and shortly thereafter her family moved to the Merrymount neighborhood of Quincy, MA. She graduated from Quincy High School and LaSalle University where she majored in Business and upon graduation worked in Finance.

In 1955, she married David F. Whelan and moved to his hometown of Hingham, MA where she resided the rest of her life.

She was very active in her community, volunteering and working with the Hingham Red Cross, The Hingham Public Library, League of Women's Voters, Catholic Club, The Hingham Garden Club, East School Library,



ELIZABETH WHELAN

The Ladies Club, Brownies, and The Hingham Senior Center. She was a familiar face at the Hingham Polling Stations where she worked elections for over 20 years.

She was a longtime member of South Shore Country Club where she golfed and bowled into her 80s. She was an avid reader and bridge player and enjoyed living at Linden Ponds for many years.

She was predeceased by her husband, David F. Whelan of Hingham, MA, her brother Roger Morton and his wife, Joan her brother, Paul Morton and her sister, Patricia Morton.

She is survived by her

daughter, Nancy, her husband, Kevin McColgan from Darien, CT, her son, Gregory Whelan, his wife, Laurie, from Newburyport, MA, her granddaughters Jillian and her husband, Phillip Sheedy, and Jenna Whelan and Maeve Whelan.

She will be remembered by her family as extremely resilient, always ready with a quick retort and as she got older and reflected on her life, she always said, "we had a lot of good times" and she did!

Many thanks to North River of Norwell for their wonderful caregivers and Ascend Hospice who took excellent care of Bette.

Visiting hours were held Monday, Dec. 12, in St. Paul's Church, 147 North St., Hingham. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, St. Paul's Church, Hingham.

Services concluded with interment in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

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Marjorie McCabe, 92

Marjorie "Margie" (Prescott) McCabe, of Quincy, died peacefully on Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at the Regal Care in Quincy on the same day that marked her 92nd birthday.

Born in Boston in 1930, she was a daughter of the late Carl and Mary C. (Frazier) Prescott. Margie was raised in South Boston, attended local schools, and graduated from South Boston High School with the Class of 1948.

While she would live for more than 40 years in the Squantum section of Quincy and raise four children and foster enduring friendships, "Southie" forever held a special place in Margie's heart. Even in her later years when Dementia became an issue, she could recite her E. Sixth Street address, tell you that she had a dog named Mickey, and that Castle Island was the center to her universe.

"That was our hangout," she would tell you with immense pride.

That pride could be explained with this layer of uncanny human spirit - Margie's South Boston friends from the '40s were still her best friends seven decades later, and oh how this was a sense of wonder to their chil-



MARJORIE MCCABE

dren.

"Our parents and their crew were blissfully unaware of what impactful role models they were in all of our lives," said one of Margie's godsons, Eddie McCabe of Canton, whose mother, Sheila, was one of Margie's dearest friends.

In the 1970s, when college tuitions for her children were on the horizon, Margie took a job in the financial services department at Bank of Boston.

To measure her greatest strength was simple. It was her unshakable faith.

Deeply involved in the Star of the Sea Church in Squantum, then later at Sacred Heart in North Quincy, Margie complemented her husband beautifully. He provided the laughs and levity, she gracefully stood as the

rock to the family, instilling in all her children the need for faith.

In her final months, when Margie's mind would get distracted, what often worked to connect with her was suggesting some prayers, maybe the Rosary or even soft music. In a powerful testament to the magic of her faith, Margie would seamlessly know all the words.

Margie was the beloved wife of the late James V. McCabe, who died in 1980. The two shared 28 loving years of marriage. She was the devoted mother of Catherine M. Grazioso and her husband Al of Quincy; James R. McCabe and his wife Jeanne of Milton; Karen A. Queno and her husband Thomas of Plymouth; and Robert M. McCabe of Plymouth. Margie was the loving grandmother of Nicole Kanzler and her husband Ryan of Quincy; Matthew Grazioso and his wife Missy of Quincy; Kristin Christopher and her husband Mike of Dorchester; Michael, Joseph, and Derek Queno, all of South Windsor, CT; James McCabe of Longmont, CO, and Colin McCabe and his fiancée Erica Bagshaw of Monterey, CA. She was the loving great grandmother of Cora Kanzler, Michael and Grace Christopher, and Henry and Josephine Grazioso. Margie was the dear sister of Carol McGlone, the late Lorraine Mooney, and the late Geraldine Doyle. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Visiting hours were held Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service was held in the funeral home on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, prior to the Funeral Mass at Divine Mercy Parish in Sacred Heart Church, Quincy.

Services concluded with interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Margie's name to Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, P.O. Box 690789, Quincy, MA 02269.

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NANCY ALESSI

hours on Friday, Dec. 16 from 9-10 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Funeral service will be celebrated on Friday at 10 a.m. in Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy. A private burial in will be held in Mass National Cemetery, Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Nancy may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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Nancy Alessi, 86

Nancy (Lancione) Alessi, of Quincy, died Dec. 9, 2022, she was 86. Wife of the late Anthony F. Alessi. Mother of Anthony P. Alessi of Hingham and Debra Shea and her husband James of Norwell. Cherished Nana to Jimmy and Madison Shea and John Alessi. Sister of Joseph Lancione of NC and the late Albert, Samuel and Robert Lancione, Olga Curtis and Dora Mercogliano. Nancy is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was a longtime Quincy resident. She worked as a teller for Quincy Savings Bank for many years. She enjoyed cooking and dining out. The foundation of her life were her grandchildren, she adored them. They will cherish all the memories they created over the past years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting

Antonino "Tony" Parlavecchio, 82

Antonino "Tony" Parlavecchio, age 82, of Braintree, died peacefully, Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Tony was born in San Cono, (Tripi), Sicily, to the late Giuseppe and Agostina (Agati) Parlavecchio. He immigrated to the United States in 1958, arriving in Quincy. He lived in Braintree for the past fifty-three years, previously in Quincy.

As a young man, he earned an associate degree in business and became a well-known Quincy hairdresser. He was the co-owner of Designer Hair Company by South Shore Barber in Quincy Center and was also a South Shore real estate proprietor and manager, both for over fifty years.

Tony was proud of his Italian heritage and loved to travel, taking annual trips to Italy where he and his wife, Maria, relished the Italian food and wine. They also enjoyed winter vacations to the Caribbean.

He enjoyed golf and



ANTONINO "TONY" PARLAVECCHIO

was a member of the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton, where he made many lasting friendships. Tony was an avid gardener and loved the company of his family and friends.

Most of all, Tony was devoted to his family, especially his cherished grandchildren, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved husband for forty-nine years of Maria R. (Chiofalo) Parlavecchio.

Devoted father of Joseph A. Parlavecchio and his wife Olivia of Milton, Tina C. Attachi and her husband

Michael of Braintree, and Maria F. Deering and her husband Paul of Hingham.

Loving Nonno of Nora, Audrey, Antonino James "AJ", Luca, Valentina, Alessandro, and Leonardo.

Dear brother of Carmela "Nina" Boncaldo and her husband Frank of Braintree.

Tony is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 4 - 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington St., Braintree, on Thursday, December 15, at 12 p.m. Interment to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in Tony's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Norma A. Largey, 88

Norma A. (Timmins) Largey, age 88, of Quincy, died peacefully, Monday, December 12, 2022, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She lived in the Squantum section of Quincy for the past 70 years.

Born in Brighton to the late Frederick and Hilda (Gorrell) Timmins, Norma was raised and educated in Brighton's Oak Square neighborhood, she was a graduate of Saint Columbkille High School.

Norma was employed as a medical secretary in the Quincy pediatric office of Dr. Charles Djerf for many years. She went on to work for various medical practices and had been retired for



NORMA A. LARGEY

many years.

A woman of great faith, Norma was a longtime, active parishioner of the former Star of the Sea Church in Squantum where she participated in prayer groups and served as a lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

Norma's greatest joy was

her family. Overflowing with love, she cherished her roles as mother and grandmother, actively supporting the many activities and accomplishments of her children and grandchildren.

Norma was the wife of the late Thomas L. Largey, Sr.

Devoted mother of Carolyn A. Smith of Rangeley, Maine, Dianne M. Brown and her husband Les of Squantum, Robert J. Largey of Quincy, and the late Thomas L. Largey, Jr. and his surviving wife Kelly of Squantum.

Loving grandmother of John and Van Weisz, Thomas K., Robert M., and Aidan T. Largey.

She was predeceased by

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AAA: Massachusetts Gas Prices Down 12 Cents Gas; Average \$3.54 Per Gallon

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down 12 cents from last week (\$3.66), averaging \$3.54 per gallon. Monday's price is 32 cents lower than a month

ago (\$3.86), and 14 cents higher than Dec. 12, 2021 (\$3.40). Massachusetts' average gas price is 28 cents higher than the national average.

The national average pump price plunged 14 cents since last week to \$3.26, six cents less than a year ago. There are now approximately 34 states with averages

lower than last year.

"The seasonal pattern of less driving due to shorter days and crummy weather, combined with a lower oil cost, is driving gas prices lower," said Mary Maguire,

AAA Northeast Vice President of Public and Government Affairs. "If this trend continues, many states could see their average prices fall below \$3 a gallon by early next year."

AAA Northeast's Dec.

12 survey of fuel prices found the current national average to be 14 cents lower than last week (\$3.40), averaging \$3.26 a gallon. Monday's national average price is 52 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.78), and 6 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.32).

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) HOUSING REHAB SPECIALIST CITY OF QUINCY QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

NOTICE

The City of Quincy, through the Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD), is requesting proposals for the services of a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist for Quincy's federally funded housing programs activities pursuant to MGL Chapter 30B, as amended. Proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

One contract may be awarded for the whole service, or more than one contract may be awarded if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All questions regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Purchasing Agent through email: purchasing@quincyma.gov and any questions will be accepted until December 28, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Bids/Proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent until the time and date stated above, at which time and date they will be publicly opened and read. Late Bids/Proposals, delivered by mail or in person, will be rejected.

If applicable, bids shall be in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, Chapter 149 as amended, and Chapter 30, Sections 39A, 39B and 39F-R.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the City and waive any informality in the bidding if it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor

Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

12/15/22

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF QUINCY ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Quincy, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the "NORTH QUINCY FIRE STATION HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT" located at 311 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02171.

The Project consists of: Installation of a new VRF system and associated HVAC equipment, removal and replacement of interior acoustic ceiling tile systems and interior lighting and the installation of a new lighting protection system. The work is estimated to cost \$550,000.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in HVAC and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed Update Statement (CQ3). Only DCAMM Certified HVAC Contractors who are further DCAMM Certified as Prime General Contractors shall be allowed to bid on this project.

Filed sub bidders: must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in **ELECTRIC** and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed Update Statement (CQ3).

Filed sub-bids for the trade listed above will be received until **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023**, and publicly opened, forthwith.

General Bids will be received until **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023**, and publicly opened, forthwith.

All Bids should be sent to: **Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169**, and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to The City of Quincy.

DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS beginning after noon time on December 14, 2022. Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested). Further instruction may be found on-line at the City of Quincy's website www.quincyma.gov.

Two highly encouraged **pre-bid conferences** will be held at 311 Hancock St, Quincy, MA 02171.

- 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 19th
- 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3rd

Following the pre-bid conference there will be a tour of the site with the Owner's Project Manager, Architect, and City Representatives.

A Bid Deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the General Bid or Filed Sub-bid amount, as applicable, shall be submitted with each General Bid and Filed Sub-bid. Bid deposit shall be in the form of money order; a certified, Treasurer's or Cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company payable to The City of Quincy or a Bid Bond (a) in a form satisfactory to the Awarding Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and (c) conditioned upon faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the Sub-bids and General Bid. Return of bid deposits will be in accordance with the provisions of the applicable General Laws.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the City and waive any informality in the bidding if it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor

Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

12/15/22

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

Docket No. NO20P1015PM

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate
and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

In the matter of:
James N. Miller
Of: Quincy, MA

Protected Person/Disabled
Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **1st Annual account(s)** of Anthony V. Miller of Rockland, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/04/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return date (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 28, 2022
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

12/15/22

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. NO22P3165EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate
and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

(781) 830-1200

Estate of:
Richard Isaac Near

Also known as:
Richard I. Near

Date of Death:
09/21/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mitchell E. Near of San Francisco, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Mitchell E. Near of San Francisco, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/11/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 7, 2022
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

12/15/22

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. NO20P0270GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and
Family Court

Norfolk Probate
and Family Court

35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

In the interests of:

Mohamed Mahdi A Noor
Of: Quincy, MA

RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Asha A. Yusuf of Quincy, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/21/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 17, 2022
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

12/15/22



QUINCY COLLEGE supported Quincy Youth Basketball by hosting "Kids Skills Night with the Granite" on Dec. 2 at Central Middle School. Head basketball coach Doug Scott, Assistant Kenny Nguyen and Granite players conducted an hour-long session that featured dribbling, passing and shooting drills for players in grades 3-5, capped off by the Granite showcasing their own skills in an impressive dunking exhibition. The Granite's next home game will be played at Eastern Nazarene College on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. vs. University of Connecticut Avery Point.

Courtesy Photo

Quincy Boys' Basketball Bows To Hingham In Opener

By TOM JOYCE

The Quincy High boys' basketball team faced a tough challenge in its first game of the season.

The Presidents hosted the Hingham Harbormen on Monday evening. Hingham ended up pulling away in the second half of the contest. The Presidents bowed 81-48 in their opener, starting the season at 0-1.

The first quarter of the contest was competitive; the Presidents pulled within one basket with under two minutes left to play. After starting the game down 9-2, a short jump shot from senior guard Ty Neal, plus three-pointers from junior guard and captain Danny Adams (17 points) and junior forward Luke Mordas helped make it a 13-10 con-

test. Hingham extended its lead to 15-10 with a buzzer-beating shot to end the first quarter.

Hingham ended up extending its lead to 14 points heading into the second half, 41-27. The Presidents had some success early in the second quarter. They cut their deficit to four points, 25-21 after Neal and Adams sank back-to-back three-pointers. After that, however, Hingham used a 10-2 run, extending its lead to 35-23. In that stretch, Hingham had a pair of three-point plays: a layup, followed by a free throw, and a three-pointer.

Adams had his best quarter of the game in the second, scoring 10 of his 17 points in this stretch.

While the Presidents scored four of the first six points of the third quarter with baskets from sophomore guard Marco Carvahho and junior guard Manny Aguayo, Hingham ended up pulling away. Following that early stretch, Hingham had a 16-0 run, which gave it a 29-point lead.

The run started with a deep two-pointer, followed by a shot under the basket. Then, Hingham scored on a fast break, forcing a Presidents' timeout. However, the momentum continued on the other side following the timeout call. Hingham followed this up with a three-point play – a layup and a foul shot – and then a steal that turned into a layup. Down by 24 points, the Presidents called another timeout with 5:20 left in the third quarter.

Hingham capped off the run with a two-pointer and a three-pointer. Adams ended Hingham's run by hitting a layup in traffic. However, that was all the offense the Presidents could get in this quarter. Hingham held the team to six points while scoring 28 of their own.

Hingham finished the third quarter with a 9-0 run where it scored four baskets, including a three-pointer.

Trailing by 36 points going into the fourth quarter, the Presidents ended up out-

scoring their opponent in the final eight minutes of the contest. However, it wasn't enough to make a comeback in this one.

The Presidents netted 15 points in the final stretch of the contest, their second-most productive quarter of the game.

Sophomore guard Marcello Barros started off by hitting a basket a few seconds into the fourth quarter. Hingham then sank a pair of free throws before the Presidents had a 6-0 run of their own. During the stretch, the team got baskets from Mordas, Adams, and Aguayo. After that, Hingham hit a layup, and Mordas made a free throw.

From there, the two sides finished off the game by swapping runs. Hingham's 8-0 run came first, giving the team a 40-point lead 81-41. However, the Presidents finished things off with a 7-0 run. During it, the team got a basket from senior guard Christian Monteiro-Spagnolo, a layup from senior guard Chase Morales, a free throw from Barros, and a layup from senior forward Harun Chaani.

The Presidents have some experience on their roster this season; nine of the team's players are seniors.

The roster for the Presidents this season includes: senior guard and captain Ty Neal, senior guard Chase Morales, junior guard and captain Danny Adams, sophomore guard Marcello Barros, sophomore guard Marco Carvalho, senior guard Christian Monteiro-Spagnolo, senior forward Harun Chaani, senior guard Stephen Gallant, junior guard Manny Aguayo, senior guard Kyle Cruz, junior forward Luke Mordas, senior guard Jeremy Costigan, senior guard Huy Ho, and senior forward Charlie Coffey. The team's head coach is Dave Parry.

The next game for the Presidents will take place this Friday, Dec. 16 on the road against the Plymouth South Panthers (6:30 p.m. start time).

Norma A. Largey, 88

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her brothers, Paul Timmins and Frederick Timmins, Jr.

Norma is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy, on Friday, Dec. 16, from 4 – 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Parish in Our Lady of Good Counsel

Church, 227 Sea St., Quincy, on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

For those who wish, donations in Norma's memory may be made to Eternal Word Television Network, Inc. (EWTN), 5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210 or www.ewtn.com.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

QNC Winter Track Vs. Hanover Results

Boys 75 Hanover 25
Girls 67 Hanover 23

First	Last	Gen	event	performance	Place	Comment
Maddie	McGillcuddy	F	1000m	3:27.30	2	
Amira	Aitsaid	F	1000m	3:33.42	3	
Erin	DellaBarba	F	1000m	3:47.76		
Sarah	McKenna	F	1000mJV	3:58.00	2	
Charlotte	McConville	F	1000m	4:18.62		Personal Best
Aluna	Coogan-Coyne	F	2Mile	12:21.51	1	
Caitlin	Cormican	F	2Mile	13:08.16	2	
Sofia	Siezas	F	300m	44.86	1	
Melanie	Chretien	F	300m	49.23	2	
Jahan	Lin	F	55m	8.33	1	Personal Best
Brianna	Alvarado	F	55m	8.50	3	
Kimberly	Le	F	55m	8.51		
Brianna	Keddy	F	55m	8.90		Personal Best
Anushka	Raj	F	55m	9.10		Personal Best
Alexandra	Gula	F	55m	9.32		
Chloe	Wu	F	55m	9.36		
Emily	Quach	F	55m	9.64		Personal Best
Diana	Dang	F	55m	9.66		
Genesis	Anderson	F	55m	9.87		Personal Best
Christina/Yan	Lin	F	55m	10.09		Personal Best
Bassma	Torky	F	55m	10.20		Personal Best
Maggie	Potts	F	55m	10.20		
Eliza	Henry	F	55mHH	11.13	1	
Mollie	Smith-Gaeta	F	55mHH	11.17	2	
Mairiad	Folan	F	55mHH	12.51	3	
Hannah	Moriarty	F	600m	1:51.56	1	Personal Best
Amelija	Siezas	F	600m	1:57.40	2	
Eliza	Henry	F	HighJump	4'02"	3	
Mollie	Smith-Gaeta	F	HighJump	4'07"	2	
Mollie	Nelson	F	Mile	6:13.48	2	Personal Best
Grace	Cody	F	Mile	6:49.82	3	
Christina/Yan	Lin	F	SP	19'00.5"		
Anushka	Raj	F	SPJV	19'02"	3	Personal Best

Bassma	Torky	F	SPJV	19'08"	2	Personal Best
Genesis	Anderson	F	SPJV	21'01"	1	Personal Best
Lauren	Ebong	F	SP	22'07"	2	Personal Best
Grace	McGough	F	SP	25'02"	1	
Patrick	Lee	M	1000m	3:03.48	1	Personal Best
Sean Padrick	Nelson	M	2Mile	13:16.90	2	
Boubakar	Diablo	M	300m	40.45	2	Personal Best
Alex	Stankov	M	300m	41.92	3	Personal Best
Elijah	Eno	M	300m	45.77		
Jaycee	Ham	M	55m	6.87	1	
Gabe	Rodrigues	M	55m	7.11	3	
Alex	Martinez	M	55m	7.18		
Kendry	Duran	M	55m	7.21		
Andrew	Hodgdon	M	55m	7.42		
Larry	Brown	M	55m	7.61		
Jordan	Leathers	M	55m	7.77		
William	Lanergan	M	55m	7.84		Personal Best
William	Huang	M	55m	8.21		Personal Best
Paul	Glynn	M	55m	8.25		
Eddy	Liu	M	55m	8.27		
Cyrus	Lin	M	55m	8.53		
Vincent	Lin	M	55m	8.61		
Quadir	Essex	M	55m	8.64		
Alexander	Schramm	M	55m	8.70		
Hyenard	Boutin	M	55m	8.79		
Ethan	Chen	M	55m	8.80		
Dennis	Liu	M	55m	9.04		
Alexander	Shaareman	M	55m	9.91		
Jayden	Francois	M	55mHH	9.57	1	
Ammar	Churda	M	55mHH	10.30	2	
Elijah	Eno	M	55mHH	10.39	3	Personal Best
William	Le	M	55mHH	11.43		
Wendell	DesCartes	M	55mHH	11.74		
Oisin	Coogan-Coyne	M	600m	1:31.65	1	
Ben	Dawe	M	600m	1:42.42	3	
Jaycee	Ham	M	HighJump	5'11"	1	
Jaycee	Ham	M	LongJump	15'04.5"	2	
Alex	Martinez	M	LongJump	17'08.75"	1	
Kyle	Clements	M	Mile	5:08.03	2	
William	Lanergan	M	SP	23'07.25"	2	Personal Best
Gabe	Rodrigues	M	SP	41'04.75"	1	
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4x400	Relay	M	Coogan-Coyne	4:02.30		
4x400	Relay	M	Dawe	4:02.30		
4x200JV	Relay	M	Francois	1:49.74	2	
4x200JV	Relay	M	Alexis	1:49.74		
4x200JV	Relay	M	Brown	1:49.74		
4x200JV	Relay	M	Duran	1:49.74		
4x200	Relay	F	Alvarado	2:00.10	1	
4x200	Relay	F	Chretien	2:00.10		
4x200	Relay	F	Folan	2:00.10		
4x200	Relay	F	Henry	2:00.10		
4x400	Relay	F	Aitsaid	4:37.68	1	
4x400	Relay	F	McGillcuddy	4:37.68		
4x400	Relay	F	Moriarty	4:37.68		
4x400	Relay	F	Coogan-Coyne	4:37.68		
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Hanover 23						

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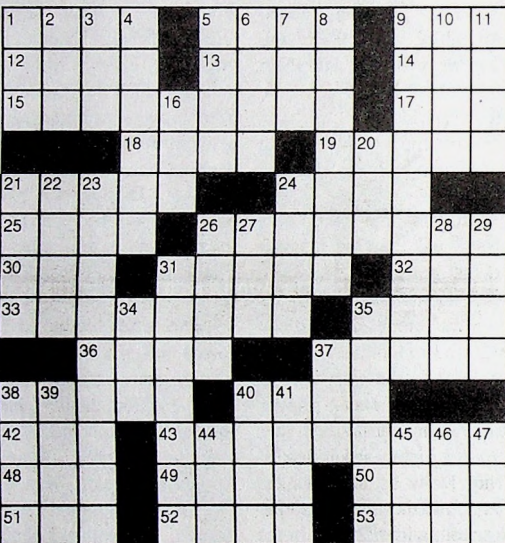
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- 30 Aachen article
- 31 Postpone
- 32 Wildebeest
- 33 Romance-free, as a relationship
- 35 Head, to Henri

DOWN

- 1 Org. for a
- 2 — Lingus
- 3 Spring month
- 4 Plug parts
- 5 Wee songbird
- 6 "It can't be!"
- 7 Floral necklace
- 8 Teaching staff
- 9 Courier
- 10 Dull pain
- 11 Go sightseeing

USO patrons

- 16 Sweet wine
- 17 King of Judea
- 18 Snapshot
- 19 Graceful bird
- 20 Slithery fish
- 21 Looking good on the tube, say
- 22 Part of TNT
- 23 Lettuce unit
- 24 Turner or Fey
- 25 Billboards
- 26 Evergreens
- 27 Crisp cookie
- 28 Avocado dip, for short
- 29 Camp shelter
- 30 Peyton's brother
- 31 Grooving on
- 32 Prompted
- 33 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 34 Nanny's charge
- 35 Beliefs
- 36 Crone
- 37 Anti-fur org.
- 38 Cattle group
- 39 Cabbage salad
- 40 Marries
- 41 Shoe width
- 42 Diarist Anaïs
- 43 — tizzy
- 44 Bottle top



MAGIC MAZE • ENERGY TERMS

VMJGFDA XV SQNKIF
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MKIHRDRRUDFGOES
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RQONLKIRHGIRLIO
FDCNOBRACAZXGWF

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: DERIVED FROM THE SUN

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| Battery | Coke | Fuel cell | Peak oil |
| Carbon | Crude oil | Grid | Renewable |
| Climate change | Fossil fuel | Nuclear | Wind farm |
| Coal | Fracking | Oil rig | |

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cane is smaller. 2. Chair back is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. List is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Antenna is smaller.

Trivia test

1. MOVIES: What was the name of the fictional kingdom in "Frozen"?
2. HISTORY: How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre of 1770?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of Scrooge's business partner in "A Christmas Carol"?
4. TELEVISION: In what city is the long-running drama "Grey's Anatomy" set?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which two cities were the original endpoints of the Orient Express?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does an ant have?

7. LITERATURE: What is the title of Toni Morrison's first novel?
8. MATH: How many minutes are in a week?
9. BUSINESS SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is, "Expect more. Pay less"?
10. EXPLORERS: What is the home country of Roald Amundsen, the first to reach the South Pole?

Answers

1. Arendelle.
2. Five.
3. Jacob Marley.
4. Seattle, Washington.
5. Paris and Istanbul (Constantinople).
6. Six.
7. "The Bluest Eye."
8. 10,080.
9. Target.
10. Norway.

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Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone, from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends this holiday season. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can fully put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible

Libra you are, you no doubt already started your holiday shopping. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too, didn't it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you had hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate — two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals Y

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SIJS QDGJHD CIDDK IJLD XZ
BJKJBESN SZ HZXR QZW SIEXRC.
DVD VECI!

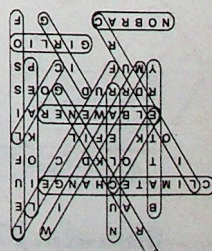
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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.



Magic Maze ANSWERS:



CryptoQuip answer.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – It was widely reported that Mickey Kuhn, the last surviving credited cast member of the 1939 classic “Gone With the Wind,” passed away Nov. 20 in Naples, Florida, at 90. Kuhn played Beau Wilkes, son of Ashley and Melanie Wilkes. But it was not reported that Patrick Curtis, married to Raquel Welch from 1967-1973, played (uncredited) Beau Wilkes as a baby, which technically makes him the last living cast member. (Wonder how he got the part? Oh, that’s right, he was legendary director Billy Wilder’s nephew!) Olivia de Havilland, who played Melanie, was the last living principal character to pass away, in 2020 at 104.

It’s not even Christmas, and Dwayne Johnson has already launched a new franchise: the action-adventure Christmas film “Red One,” co-starring Chris Evans, Lucy Liu and J.K. Simmons, slated for Christmas 2023. Johnson keeps busy between acting projects by producing films like “Shazam! Fury of the Gods,” due in theaters March 17, 2023.

Not long ago, Ryan Reynolds was crying the blues because the Christmas “Deadpool” movie he wrote was a casualty when Disney acquired 20th Century Fox and passed on the project. But they did eventually greenlight “Deadpool 3.” (Was there ever any doubt with the first two “Deadpool” films grossing \$800 million each?) “Dead-

pool 3” will have the added box-office power of Hugh Jackman as Wolverine. Reynolds’ current film, “Spirited,” with Will Ferrell, grossed \$100 million before hitting AppleTV+ a week later. Reynolds’ next film is John Krasinski’s “IF” (which Krasinski wrote, is producing, directing and starring in). “IF” also stars Steve Carell and “Fleabag’s” Phoebe Waller-Bridge. Due May 2024, the film’s about a child’s journey to rediscover their imagination.

Fans of “Pee-wee’s Playhouse” will appreciate that John Paragon, aka Jambie Genie, who died April 2021 at 66 from heart disease, was relaid to rest. In November, his ashes were interred at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery in a unique urn memorializing his character, Jambie – a purple and gold box similar to Jambie’s box in the playhouse.

This feat of magic was performed by Paul Reubens (Pee-wee Herman), Cassandra Peterson (known for playing Elvira, Mistress of the Dark) and a GoFundMe, which raised more than \$14,000 from fans. Paragon, also a writer and director for “Pee-wee’s Playhouse,” connected with Reubens when they were members of the improv group The Groundlings. Paragon and Peterson also played shows together at Knott’s Berry Farm. If you have to be laid to rest in Hollywood Forever, it might as well be in a magic box!

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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	÷		+		14			
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	+		x		20			
20		15		12				
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9

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KOVELS' Antiques & Collectibles

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Chenets – “Chenet” is the French word for “andiron,” the iron brackets that hold logs in a fireplace. The andirons keep the burning logs off the floor, allowing air to circulate. “Chenet” comes from the French word for “little dog,” and they are sometimes known as “firedogs” in English. Perhaps they reminded people of small dogs lying down by the fire. Dogs were a popular decoration on them!

Cast figures in a shiny metal, like brass, were often added to andirons to reflect the light of the fire and brighten the room. Metal crafters experimented with designs, including columns, animals, human figures and mythological characters. This set of Louis XV style chenets, which sold for \$500 at New Orleans Auction Galleries, features putti (cupids or cherubs), grapes, wheat and gilt bronze scrolls. The set was made in France in the late 19th century.

Q: With the holidays coming up, I am pulling out the Fiesta dinnerware that I began buying at flea markets 20 years ago. I was wondering if Fiesta ware is worth a lot of money. I don’t plan on selling it because I love it, but I am curious.

A: Fiesta ware was introduced in 1936 by the Homer Laughlin China Company of West Virginia. Pieces of this American-made glazed dinnerware were found on Depression-era tables across the United States and continue to attract collectors. Its value is tied to color and rarity. Everyday items such as bowls and serving items are popular but do not bring the bigger prices unless they are

a rare color. The original colors were red, cobalt, yellow, light green, old ivory and turquoise. In the 1950s, gray, rose, chartreuse and forest green were added. The rarest color is medium green, introduced in 1959. In Kovels Antiques and Collectibles 2022 Price Guide, a rare medium green soup bowl with molded handles sold for \$735. Fiesta is still being made and a new color is introduced every March.

TIP: Mint, rosemary, lavender and thyme will repel moths. Hang bunches of the herbs near stored textiles.

CURRENT PRICES

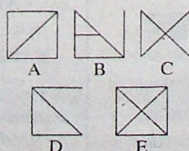
- Christmas tree stand, cast iron, traces of old green paint, cast with stylized flowers and scrollwork, square base with shaped sides, cylindrical insert with turn screws, 7 3/4 x 10 x 10 inches, \$125.
- Christmas tree, goose feather branches, red berries, wood block base decorated with garlands and bows, Germany, c. 1900, 22 inches, \$590.
- Candy container, Santa Claus holding feather tree branch with berry tip, red coat with white snowy trim, composition, fur beard, early 20th century, 8 inches, \$1,415.
- Royal Doulton figurine, Father Christmas, Santa in forest green coat with gilt fur trim, white beard, holding scroll with Christmas scene, prototype, Royal Doulton backstamp, HN3399, c. 1990, 9 1/4 inches, \$2,875.

Looking to declutter, downsize or settle an estate? Kovels’ Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide 2022 by Terry and Kim Kovel has the resources you’re looking for.

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STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

One of the figures below does not belong with the others. Can you determine which one is different? Hint: The answer has nothing to do with symmetry.



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Strange BUT TRUE

• A fight between chameleons is more likely to be both initiated and won by the lizard with the brighter stripes. But then, such conflicts are rare, since that flashier color display is typically enough to win the duel.

• Every year, 11,000 injuries are reported in America as a result of sexual experimentation.

• Do you like to bowl? So did a lot of folks in 14th-century England, to the extent that King Edward III actually tried to outlaw the game in an effort to redirect the focus of his troops to archery!

• The Popigai crater in northern Siberia contains an estimated trillions of karats of industrial-grade diamonds. Unfortunately, they’re too expensive to mine.

• Many if not most people hate those annoying pop-up ads that plague our computers...and you can include their creator, Ethan Zuckerman, in that group. In 2014,

he confessed in an article: “I wrote the code to launch the window and run an ad in it. I’m sorry. Our intentions were good.”

• Bulgarians nod when they want to say no and shake their heads when they want to say yes.

• A cow will allow itself to be led up the stairs, but it will be impossible for you to lead it back down the stairs again.

• Here’s a little extra justification for those of us who dislike daylight saving time: The practice has been linked to increased heart attacks, strokes, car accidents, workplace injuries, headaches, depressive episodes and even lower SAT scores.

• For centuries, the word “topaz” was used to refer to any yellow gemstone, despite the fact that natural topaz is colorless.

Thought for the Day: “Lighting a fire under something may get it burning, but lighting the fire from within something tends to keep it burning.” – Brenda Strohbehn Henderson

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• **B.G. in Minnesota writes:** “If you want to freshen up drawers with sheets, pillowcases or in your luggage, just place a dryer sheet inside. They really do leave a nice scent, and they are also great for dusting jobs!”

• To control the level of garlic in a recipe, add it at the beginning for a lighter taste and at the end for a stronger taste. To get garlic out of the clove quickly instead of tedious peeling, just smash it and squeeze it out.

• The best cure for a foggy windshield is a chalkboard eraser. You can purchase them at office supply stores. They can be stored easily in your glove box. No window cleaner required for a quick clear windshield, and you can see well after. A clean windshield is a safety issue! – M.T. in South Carolina

• Fill measuring cups with hot water and empty quickly

before measuring sticky substances like honey or peanut butter. It will slide out much easier.

• **Banana trick:** For faster ripening, leave bunches together and store in a bag. For slower ripening, separate the bananas. They will ripen faster if stored near apples or citrus fruit. Also, remember that just because the outside is getting brown spots, the inside isn’t necessarily going soft.

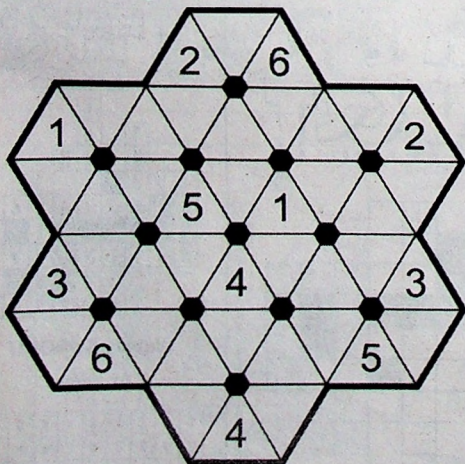
• Warm up refrigerated baked goods in the microwave, but add a mug of water. It will keep the moisture in the bread. If your bread loaf is going stale, wrap it in foil and pop it in the oven for about 10 minutes at 300 F. It will freshen the bread!

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Go Figure! answers

12	15	20
4	3	2
20	4	2
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14	5	6
+	1	÷
-	-	+
14	8	6
1	x	6

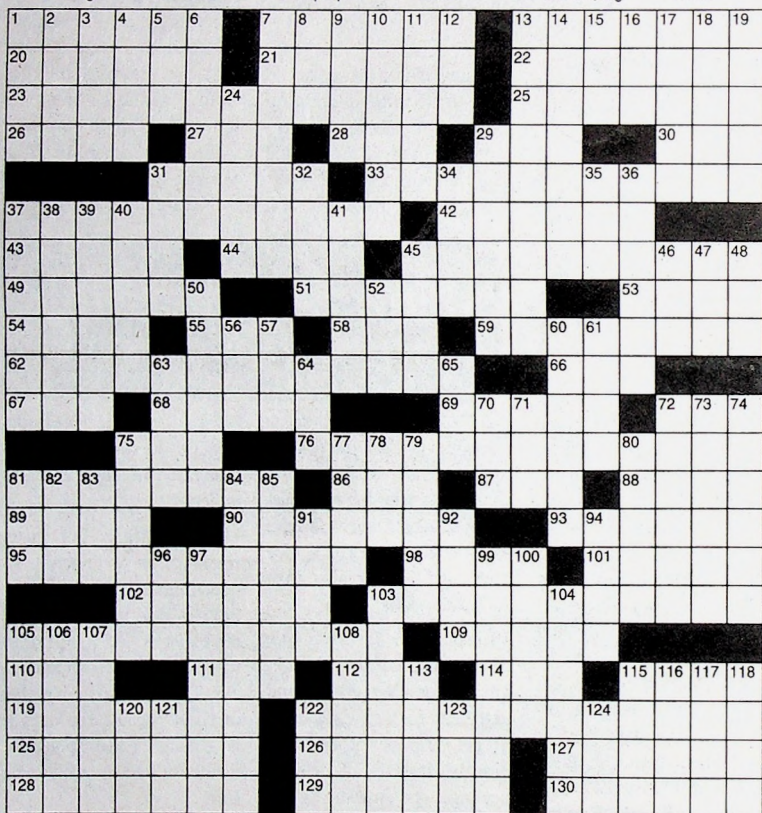
Sticklers Answer

D does not belong. All of the figures have a forward “Z” shape in them except figure D.

Super Crossword

THAT '70s SHOW

- ACROSS**
- 1 Motion detector, e.g.
 - 7 Person sleeping next to you, often
 - 20 Like many nuclei
 - 21 Surprise attacker
 - 22 Nero or Napoleon
 - 23 "Hello, Dolly!" star
 - 25 Capital of the country Georgia
 - 26 Doe's dear?
 - 27 Alley —
 - 28 Sousing sort
 - 29 TV's Cheers, for one
 - 30 Top pilot
 - 31 Ice sheets
 - 33 1960s-70s talk show host
 - 37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"
 - 42 Al Bundy
 - 43 Nebraska city
 - 44 Jekyll's bad side
 - 45 She played the mother on "Lassie"
 - 49 Football's Joe
 - 51 Country next to Georgia
 - 53 — a soul
 - 54 "Like — not!"
 - 55 Suffix of beliefs
 - 58 Ending for serpent
 - 59 Microscope component
 - 62 Her first Vogue cover was in 1986
 - 66 Green and Gore
 - 67 — matter of fact
 - 68 Japanese dog
 - 69 Video game pioneer
 - 72 — glance
 - 75 Music genre for brooders
 - 76 Co-author of the 2006 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea"
 - 81 Like low-fat mozzarella
 - 86 Eggs, in labs
 - 87 Pro's vote
 - 88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge
 - 89 Actor Baldwin
 - 90 Tunneling rodents
 - 93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game
 - 95 "M" star
 - 98 Big snakes
 - 101 — Gras
 - 102 Perfectly
 - 103 "Blue Velvet" singer
 - 105 "The Color Purple" novelist
 - 109 In — (irritated)
 - 110 Habited sister
 - 111 Slip — (some shoes)
 - 112 Links peg
 - 114 Boatload
 - 115 Pod veggies
 - 119 Affluent Rio neighborhood
 - 122 Sitcom associated with nine featured first names in this puzzle
 - 125 Hand-held filming equipment
 - 126 Soviet statesman
 - 127 Lost lady in "The Raven"
 - 128 Stinging-tentacle reef dweller
 - 129 "Already?"
 - 130 Got lippy with
 - 32-Down brand since the early 1900s
 - 7 Curtain
 - 8 Actor Holm
 - 9 French wines
 - 10 Linguistic expressions
 - 11 Teeth: Prefix
 - 12 Work unit
 - 13 Process by which an electron is emitted
 - 14 Involve in contention
 - 15 Print resolution abbr.
 - 16 Baseball's Ott
 - 17 Popular font type
 - 18 Puccini opera
 - 19 Iroquois tribe members
 - 24 Liquor, slangily
 - 29 Elton John's "— and the Jets"
 - 31 Italian car
 - 32 Soft drink
 - 34 Zen master's question
 - 35 Suffix with form
 - 36 Tony-winning actress Johns
 - 37 Tennis' Seles
 - 38 Very valuable violins
 - 39 "Pest" of kiddie lit
 - 40 Beet variety
 - 41 Letter stroke
 - 45 Scoff
 - 46 — kwon do (martial art)
 - 47 Tolkien brute
 - 48 TV "Science Guy" Bill
 - 50 Frontiersman
 - 52 L-P linkup
 - 56 — Lankan
 - 57 Tumbler's surface
 - 60 Wildlife-tracking ID
 - 61 Balletic bend
 - 63 Thanksgiving side servings
 - 64 Joking type
 - 65 Water barrier
 - 70 Tot amuser
 - 71 Add up to
 - 72 State as fact
 - 73 City in Ohio
 - 74 Luke and Leia's father
 - 75 "And on and on": Abbr.
 - 77 Architect
 - Ludwig Mies van der —
 - 78 Eden dweller
 - 79 Actress
 - Greta
 - 80 Jewish month after Adar
 - 81 Baby food
 - 82 Malted quaff
 - 83 No longer in the mil., e.g.
 - 84 1973 Jim Croce hit
 - 85 Gourmet mushrooms
 - 91 Class for tots, for short
 - 92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan
 - 94 Fail to put in
 - 96 Caviar source
 - 97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title
 - 99 Refrain from imbibing
 - 100 "Holy" council
 - 103 Gives rise to
 - 104 Shiny plastics
 - 105 Jungian inner personality
 - 106 Fictional sleuth Arsène
 - 107 Pointless
 - 108 Prefix meaning "people"
 - 113 Spanish river
 - 115 Bits of wit
 - 116 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 117 Farmland unit
 - 118 Shanty
 - 120 Pick-up-sticks math game
 - 121 Prefix with car
 - 122 Classroom aides: Abbr.
 - 123 Antique Olds
 - 124 Actress
 - Arthur



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: I'm so excited about the new "Yellowstone" prequel with Harrison Ford. I also watched the earlier one with Tim McGraw, but I could swear I saw another one in the works that has a number for a title. Am I mistaken? — L.H.

A: Paramount Network's "Yellowstone" series starring Kevin Costner as patriarch John Dutton has spawned two prequels and a spin-off. The first prequel, "1883," is about the Dutton family when they fled Tennessee and eventually settled on their land in Montana. The series ran for 10 episodes and starred Sam Elliott as well as husband-and-wife country music stars Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

The Dutton story continues with Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in "1923." According to an official description from Paramount+, "1923" will "explore the early 20th century when pandemics, historic drought, the end of Prohibition and the Great Depression all plague the mountain west, and the Duttons who call it home." It's set to premiere on the streaming service Dec. 18.

Another number to commit to memory is "6666," the title of the upcoming present-day "Yellowstone" spin-off series

set at the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas. According to Us magazine, "the property appeared in season four of the flagship show when Jimmy Hurdstrom (Jefferson White) put down roots there with his fiancée Emily (Kathryn Kelly)." A premiere date hasn't been announced yet, but "6666" is supposedly going to be available on the Paramount Network and not just exclusively on its subscription streaming platform.

Q: I was showing my son "Christmas Vacation," starring Chevy Chase, for the first time. It occurred to me that I haven't seen actress Beverly D'Angelo in anything in quite some time. How is she doing? — A.J.

A: Three decades after the Griswold family's "Christmas Vacation" film was released, Beverly D'Angelo has a new holiday film out in theaters right now titled "Violent Night." It's an action comedy starring David Harbour ("Stranger Things") as "Father Christmas" and D'Angelo as a wealthy corporate shark.

Time hasn't slowed the 71-year-old D'Angelo down at all, since she was nominated for a Golden Globe award for her portrayal of Patsy Cline in "Coal Miner's Daughter" in 1980. She also received an Emmy nod for the iconic role of Stella Kowalski in a television production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." She's been acting steadily ever since and even gave birth to twins in 2001. The twins'



Harrison Ford as Jacob Dutton in "1923"

Photo credit: James Minchin III/Paramount+

father is actor Al Pacino, with whom D'Angelo had a long-term relationship until 2003.

Q: Is "The Gilded Age" returning to HBO for a second season? If so, when? I can't wait. — P.P.

A: Rest assured, "The Gilded Age" has been renewed for season two on HBO Max, but an exact premiere date hasn't been given. When it debuted in January 2022, it was a bonafide hit and got the green light for renewal last spring. Most of the original cast is set to return except for Thomas Cocquerel, who played Tom Raikes. You can read more about the series and keep tabs on upcoming episodes through its official site at HBO.com/the-gilded-age.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

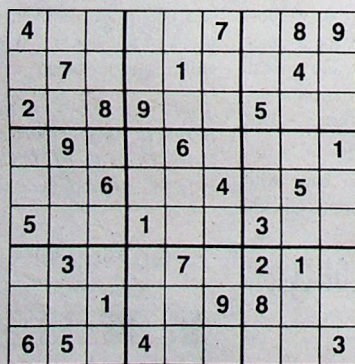
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Icy rain | — L — — — | Sugary | — W — — — |
| 2. Exemption | — — — V — — | Restaurant server | — — — T — — |
| 3. Pinky or pointer | F — — — — | Dawdle | L — — — — |
| 4. Ice cream serving | — C — — — | Boat with one mast | — L — — — |
| 5. Student of Socrates | — — A — — | Mickey's pooch | — — U — — |
| 6. Red gemstone | — — — — T | Jennifer or James | — — — — R |
| 7. Hunger after | — — — V — | Fad | — — — Z — |
| 8. Take out a loan | — O — — — | Rabbit hole | — U — — — |
| 9. Dracula's title | — — — N — | Tennis yard | — — — R — |
| 10. Dark tea | — O — — — | Watermelon shape | — B — — — |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

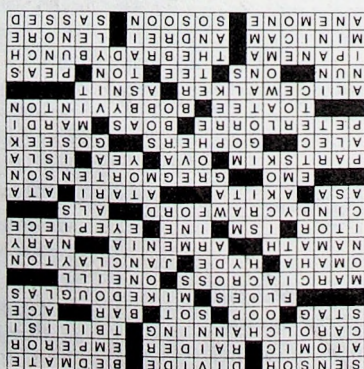
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers



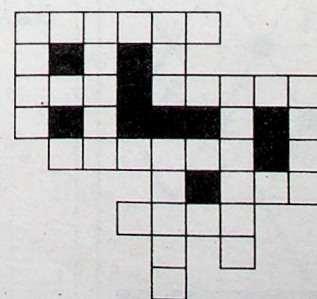
Even Exchange

answers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Sweet, Sweet | 10. Colong, Oblong |
| 2. Waiver, Waiver | 9. Count, Count |
| 3. Finger, Finger | 8. Borrow, Borrow |
| 4. Scoop, Scoop | 7. Grave, Grave |
| 5. Plato, Plato | 6. Gamet, Gamet |



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

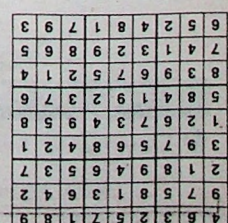
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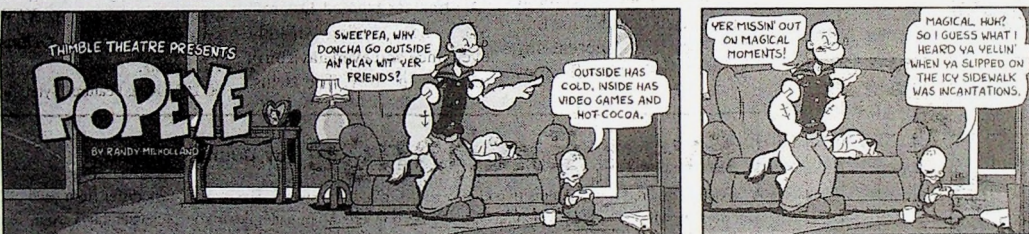
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Out on a Limb



R.F.D.



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Lore				
GLENE				
Pierce				
REAPS				
Belief				
AIDE				
Place				
RESTIN				

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland



After Neutering, Follow the Veterinarian's Advice

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I believe strongly in natural cures and treatments for people and pets. Recently, my tomcat, Jessup, went to the vet to get fixed, to stop my neighbors from complaining about his aggressiveness. I used herbal tinctures and supplements to prevent infection and reduce Jessup's pain so that he wouldn't have to take antibiotics and other medications that might harm his health long-term. When I told this to the vet at Jessup's follow-up, she got really upset and said that if I did that again, she would no longer accept Jessup for treatment. I don't understand why. Who's in the right here? — Sherry L., Los Angeles

DEAR SHERRY: While herbal supplements can be helpful for pets, it's very important that you share with the veterinarian any current or

intended use of these supplements.

For example, some prescribed drugs can interact with supplements and prevent a pet's liver from properly metabolizing those supplements, causing a dangerous buildup of toxicity.

Vets today will work with pet owners to make sure that prescribed medications don't interfere with, or interact with, herbal or vitamin supplements. But you have to be upfront and list any and all remedies that you're giving to your pet. This is especially important with higher-risk procedures and surgeries of any kind, including neutering and spaying. A small pet's body is especially reactive to pain and infection, and it's important to keep them comfortable and avoid hampering their body's ability to heal.

Work with the vet. Follow their advice. Ask questions before a procedure and disclose the supplemental treatment that you'd like to give your pet. Veterinarians will work with you on an effective treatment plan because, just like you, they want your cat to be healthy and happy.

Readers, how well do you get along with your pet's veterinarian? Let us know at ask@pawscorner.com.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from TALES to ARMED in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

tales

armed

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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of December 19, 2022

ON NOW: "Snow Day" — Paramount+
ON NOW: "1923" (Limited Series) — Paramount+

21-Dec: "Emily in Paris" (Season 3) — Netflix

21-Dec: "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan" (Season 3) — Prime Video

21-Dec: "Ancient X-Files" (Season 2) — Disney+

23-Dec: "Glass Onion" (PG-13) — Netflix

23-Dec: "Family Dinner" (Season 3) — HBO Max

43-Dec: "Inside Airport Lost & Found" (Special Premiere) — Hulu

25-Dec: "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical" (PG) — Netflix

25-Dec: "The Witcher: Blood Origin" (Limited Series) — Netflix

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SCRAMBLERS

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Today's Word

3. Idea; 4. Insert

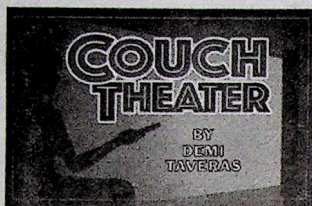
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WORD LADDER

Answer

TIMED, AIMED, ARMED, TALES, TILES, TIMES,

MORE SUN FUN

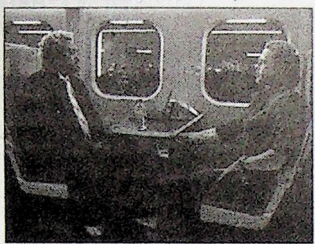


"Amsterdam" (R) — Talk about a star-studded cast in writer-director David O. Russell's latest release! Christian Bale, Margot Robbie, Chris Rock, Robert De Niro and Taylor Swift are only a few of the A-list names you'll see in this comedy thriller. Although it's considered a box office bomb after its quick stint in theaters, "Amsterdam" will release Dec. 6 for at-home viewers to decide for themselves. The film follows three friends who get accused of killing a retired U.S. general after fleeing the scene where the murder was committed. To clear their names, the trio attempts to uncover the truth, finding that the truth is much larger than anyone ever thought. (HBO Max)

"Bullet Train" (R) — Here's another film with a mountain of star power. Starring Brad Pitt, Joey King, Michael Shannon, Sandra Bullock and Latin superstar Bad Bunny, "Bullet Train" takes place in a singular night as a bullet train travels throughout Japan. Pitt portrays a havoc-wreaking, yet effective assassin tasked with the simple mission of retrieving a suitcase. The owners of the suitcase, a pair of assassin brothers named Lemon and Tangerine, plan to deliver the suitcase to a Russian mafia boss, as well as deliver the boss' son. About a thousand different variables no one could've ever predicted ensue from the train's first stop to its last stop at Kyoto. This not-for-the-faint-hearted action comedy will keep you hanging on through every minute. Out now. (Netflix)

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules" (PG) — Jeff Kinney's children's book series "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" had quite a moment when the first book was released back in 2007. Since then, Kinney has released 16 subsequent books. Film adaptations, like this one, have been made including two live-action films. Disney+ has found success with their animated adaptations, and the second animated film just released on the streaming platform. While the animation style for these films is a bit basic, the fundamental story of how to navigate middle school awkwardness remains entertaining and a great family-friendly watch. (Disney+)

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Bryan Tyree Henry and Brad Pitt star in "Bullet Train."

"Emancipation" (R) — Based on a true story of a former slave named Gordon, whose scoured back showcased in photos made history in 1863, this AppleTV+ original film starring Will Smith releases Dec. 9. Smith portrays a slave named Peter (based on Gordon), who attempts to make his way north after escaping from a Louisiana plantation. Smith gives a very honest and raw performance as Peter, but with a film style more suited for a documentary or reenactment series, "Emancipation" lacked the visual design that made films like "12 Years a Slave" so believable. While the style fits into AppleTV+'s cool aesthetic for its TV shows and movies, the tones of the film didn't pair well enough with the story. (AppleTV+)

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Contract Bridge

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q J 7 4 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A 5

♣ K Q 2

WEST

♠ A 8 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ Q J 10 4

♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH

♠ 6

♥ A K J 9 7 4

♦ K 9 6

♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:

East 1♥ South 1♠ West 1♠ North 1♠

Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

When dummy appears, the first thing declarer must do in a suit contract is to count his losers. In so doing, he starts by assuming any tricks that might be lost will be lost. On this deal, therefore, South notes at the outset that his possible losers at four hearts are a spade, a heart and two clubs.

He realizes that with a little luck he may not lose a trump trick, and that he will lose only one club if West has the ace of that suit. But the basic premise

he pursues is that he will be unlucky in both suits.

Declarer's next step is to look for a way to overcome the presumed bad luck. He notes that if the missing spades are divided favorably, he might be able to avoid one of his club losers, and that this possibility can be explored without relinquishing his other chances of making the contract.

Accordingly, South wins the opening diamond lead with the king and immediately leads his singleton spade, East taking dummy's jack with the king. Let's assume East returns a diamond to the ace, whereupon declarer ruffs a low spade.

A diamond is next trumped in dummy, and another spade is ruffed. As it happens, West's ace falls on this trick, establishing the Q-7 of spades as tricks.

The A-K of hearts are now cashed, revealing that West has a trump trick coming. Declarer then plays a club to the queen, taken by East with the ace. It makes no difference what East returns, because sooner or later South reaches dummy's king of clubs and discards his last club on the spade queen.

Declarer thus winds up losing only a spade, a heart and a club thanks to spotting and then implementing an additional option at the start of play.

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by Steve Becker

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

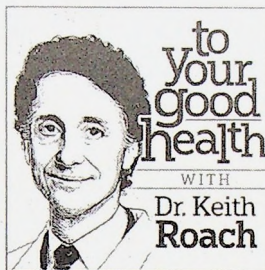
RIDDLE SEARCH - GARDENING

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Why was the Grinch such a good gardener?

BAMBOO
BULB
BUSH
FLOWER
GRASS
HOSE
LAWN
LEAF
MOSS
MOWER
MULCH
RAIN
RAKE
ROOT
SEED
SHOVEL
SHRUB
SOIL
SUN
TRELLIS
TROWEL
VINE
WATER

B	U	S	H	H	L	I	O	S	M
E	E	U	T	O	H	A	A	O	U
D	K	N	R	A	S	L	W	G	L
W	A	T	E	R	T	E	R	N	C
L	R	N	L	G	R	A	S	S	H
E	I	E	L	E	O	F	N	E	T
V	R	A	I	N	W	T	B	E	O
O	M	O	S	S	E	U	H	D	O
H	U	M	B	F	L	O	W	E	R
S	H	R	U	B	A	M	B	O	O

Riddle answer: _____



Swallowing Pills All at Once is OK, Unless Meds Shouldn't Interact

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have always wondered if it matters if you swallow a bunch of pills in one swallow or if it would be better to space them out. I take a bunch, like Eliquis, dicyclomine, gabapentin, etc. -- B.A.

ANSWER: With most pills, it's OK to take them as a bunch together if you can tolerate doing so (I've known people who have a tough time taking multiple pills at the same time due to gagging). There are a few combinations of pills that shouldn't be taken together, such as tetracyclines and calcium, but these should be labelled clearly on your bottle.

A few medicines, like alendronate (Fosamax), can't be taken with any other medicines. Some medicines, including all the ones you mentioned, can cause sedation, which can be worsened if taken together.

As always, your pharmacist is your best friend for questions about medication interactions.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Despite having family history of high cholesterol (including early death due to heart failure), I was told at 53 that my 10-year risk is not alarming. I do not smoke, nor do I drink.

I recently had some tests done and was told that my Lipoprotein(a) level is above normal. I am wondering if that may explain my concern of why, despite keeping a very careful diet over two decades (and a fairly good Mediterranean diet before as well) and an ideal BMI, my figures are not getting better. (I still have a high LDL, low HDL and high triglyceride count.)

After I recovered from COVID, I seemed to have a high

pulse and was advised that my stress ECG is positive. I find aerobic exercise very challenging, but I keep active when I can. I tend to be anemic and feel tired very often due to heavy periods, but I take iron supplements.

What should I do concerning my cholesterol in my blood? I am concerned that my high figures may indicate a serious silent illness? -- M.H.

ANSWER: The 10-year risk is a good place to start in deciding whether elevated cholesterol needs to be treated; however, the 10-year risk does not consider some risk factors, including the high Lp(a), which is an independent risk factor on top of your high LDL and low HDL. The Lp(a) doesn't affect the other cholesterol numbers.

Diet and exercise do tend to help cholesterol numbers and definitely help reduce heart disease risk, but it is possible to have cholesterol results that are not ideal despite a very good lifestyle.

A positive stress test is a concerning finding and is usually followed up by a definitive test for blockages in the artery, such as an angiogram. The results of that will absolutely guide your cardiologist as far as further treatment, including whether you need treatment for your cholesterol numbers.

Although statin drugs do not reduce Lp(a), they do reduce the risk of heart disease in people with elevated levels of Lp(a). I follow the advice of experts who recommend a lower threshold for medication treatment in people with high Lp(a) levels, especially in people with a family history of heart blockages or heart attacks.

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Answer

He had a green thumb.

Riddle Answer:



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Do You Feel Isolated?

Researchers must be worried about us. There are hundreds of studies done around the world on the topic of isolated seniors and how it's bad for our brain and physical health. While we can appreciate their concern, it would be nice if they could all agree on the facts they report.

A Norwegian university has released the results of a report on maintaining brain health and preventing cognitive decline. They've concluded, after reviewing 101 other studies, that social activity is important, along with physical exercise and interesting hobbies.

One study praised us for following the COVID rules and staying home and not having face-to-face social activity, saying we mentally weathered our isolation better than any other age group. Another study said that we didn't do well, that we suffered from sleep disturbances, depression and anxiety.

Another study analyzing information from before and during the pandemic concluded that yes, there was physical and social isolation, but not digital isolation. In other words, we've been online communicating with others.

One serious study looked at 12 possible relationships (friends, neighbors, family and so on) and concluded that being socially isolated made one more susceptible to the common cold.

Yet another study said that it was when the COVID rules were lifted, when we could go to stores and back to our meetings, that our real stress started.

In the U.S., 27% of seniors over the age of 60 live alone, as opposed to several other countries where multiple generations live together. One thing researchers need to consider: Some seniors might like the peace and quiet of living alone, might like having control about who comes over and when, and might prefer the independence.

Still, if you sense you don't get out enough, go. Take a walk. Volunteer to walk a dog at the shelter. Stroll the aisles at the library.

Or don't. It really is up to you.

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1. What does the song title "Livin' la Vida Loca" mean? Who sang it?
2. Who is Robert Thomas Velline and how did he get his start?
3. Which group wrote and released "Dance With Me"?
4. Who was the first to release "Some Guys Have All the Luck"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Everybody sing, everybody dance. Lose yourself in wild romance. We're going to party."

Answers

1. The title of Ricky Martin's 1999 song means "Livin' the Crazy Life." The song took numerous noms, including Best Male Pop Vocal and Song of the Year, at the 2000 Grammys.
2. Bobby Vee. He (and some high school friends) filled in at the last minute on Feb. 3, 1959, when Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly and The Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash on the way to the Iowa gig.
3. Orleans, in 1975.
4. The Persuaders, in 1973. Rod Stewart followed with a cover in 1984.
5. "All Night Long (All Night)" by Lionel Richie in 1983. The alleged "African" lyrics in the song (such as "Tom bo li de say de moi ya") are fake, made up by Richie, as he didn't have anyone to write real ones.

MORE SUN FUN

COUCH THEATER

BY
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LAVERAS

"Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio" (PG) — Academy-Award-winning director Guillermo del Toro first announced his reimagining of the children's fantasy story "Pinocchio" back in 2008. After a long-winding road leading up to its 2022 release, the film, starring Ewan McGregor, Finn Wolfhard, Cate Blanchett and more, is now out on streaming. For his reimagining, del Toro uses stop-motion animation, which gives the characters a much more fantastical look, unlike the soft, cartoony animation of Disney's "Pinocchio." So far, the critics have given positive reviews, no doubt due to the emotional, character-based storytelling that accompanies del Toro's films ("The Shape of Water" and "Pan's Labyrinth") and makes them so profound. (Netflix)

"Something From Tiffany's" (PG) — Could the iconic rom-com era (not looking at you, Netflix) make a comeback? This new Prime Original movie produced by Reese Witherspoon has a taste of classic rom-coms like "The Holiday" (2006) that we've all come to know and love over the years. Zoey Deutch plays Rachel Meyer, a woman who receives a Tiffany's engagement ring from her boyfriend, Gary (Ray Nicholson). Gary, who in reality just purchased earrings for her, realizes his gift was swapped with another man's. In the process of swapping the gifts back with Ethan, the rightful owner of the ring, the accidental gift-swapping coincidentally leads to a fated attraction between Rachel and Ethan. Out now. (Prime Video)

"Ticket to Paradise" (PG-13) — A new rom-com starring George Clooney,

Julia Roberts and Kaitlyn Dever just hit streaming platforms after its theatrical release. This is not Clooney and Roberts' first rodeo, as the pair have co-starred in the "Ocean's" trilogy and even a thriller called "Money Monster" (2016). They play David and Georgia Cotton, respectively, who were formerly married and cannot stand the sight of each other. But the Cottons reunite when they find out their daughter, Lily, is potentially marrying a man she just met. Afraid that Lily is only going to repeat the same mistakes that led to their demise, the Cottons are determined to sabotage the wedding. (Peacock)



Courtesy of Netflix

The story of Pinocchio is reimagined in "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio."

"The Banshees of Inisherin" (R) — Taking place in 1923 near the end of the Irish Civil War, two friends, Padraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson), reach an impasse in their longtime friendship when Colm suddenly stops talking to Padraic. After Padraic's constant attempts to speak with Colm and mend the relationship, Colm threatens to start cutting off his own fingers and gift them to Padraic every time he continues to bother him. Barry Keoghan ("Dunkirk") also stars in this gritty, metaphorical Irish film that won Farrell the Volpi Cup for Best Actor at the 79th Venice International Film Festival. Out Dec. 13. (HBO Max)

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Contract Bridge

STEP-BY-STEP REASONING

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7 4
♥ K
♦ Q J 7 3 2
♣ A K 7 3 2

WEST

♠ 8 3
♥ Q 8 7 3 2
♦ A 10
♣ Q 10 6 5

EAST

♠ J 10 9 5
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ K 9 8 4
♣ J

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 6 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ 6 5
♣ 9 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — three of hearts.

Declarer play is usually an orderly process. Every step declarer takes is based on evidence he accumulates as play progresses. As new evidence is introduced, he makes adjustments, if necessary, in his original plan of action. Take this deal where West leads a heart, won by dummy's king. South has three long suits to attack, but a little reflection should convince him that it is futile to try to establish the diamonds

because the opponents, in the meantime, are sure to score at least three hearts and the A-K of diamonds.

The spades can also be ignored for the moment, because if they are divided 3-3, the contract is certain, while if they are divided 4-2, their establishment would lead to only eight tricks at best.

Therefore, by elimination, the suit to attack is clubs, where a 3-2 division assures nine tricks. Accordingly, declarer cashes the ace of clubs at trick two. When East produces the jack, South takes care to play the eight to unblock the suit if West started with four clubs.

Declarer then leads a low club to the nine. If West takes the trick, South has no problem scoring nine tricks with the aid of a subsequent club finesse — so let's assume West ducks. The club suit having been milked dry, declarer now shifts his attention to spades. The objection to playing spades at the start is no longer valid because of the extra club trick gained in the interim.

Just one more precaution is needed, however: To guard against a 4-2 spade division, and to maintain communication with both hands, South leads the spade deuce from his hand at trick four to assure scoring the extra spade trick he needs for his contract.

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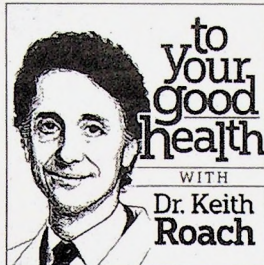
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WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:
WHAT DO GINGERBREAD MEN USE IF THEY NEED HELP WALKING?

CLEATS	___	STALE	DIRECT	___	TRIED
SASHED	___	SHEDS	CASUAL	___	LUCAS
RENTAL	___	LATER	PANTRY	___	PARTY
MADDER	___	DREAM	ANGELS	___	SLANG
ASHLEY	___	HEALS	VESSEL	___	ELVES

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Follow-up Colonoscopy Necessary After Result of Eight Polyps

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 73-year-old male. This year, I had a colonoscopy. They found some small polyps and one larger polyp. All polyps tested negative for cancer. I have had two previous colonoscopies in the past 10 years. Polyps were found in each one. My gastroenterologist said I should have another colonoscopy in one year. There has been no colon cancer in my family.

As you age, is it safe to continue with a colonoscopy? I don't feel safe having one every year. At what age should seniors stop having a colonoscopy? My previous gastroenterologist told me to have one in five years. I do a stool test yearly, given by my primary doctor. — F.Q.

ANSWER: I read your reports, which showed a total of nine polyps, all "sessile" (flat, which is higher risk for development into cancer than those with a stalk), the largest being 8 mm. The pathology report confirmed these as tubular adenomas, none of which had the worrisome finding of high-grade dysplasia.

The official guidelines of the American College of Gastroenterology recommend a follow-up colonoscopy in three years. I definitely agree with that in people who are otherwise healthy. Colon cancer does definitely run in families, but at least 80% of colon cancer occurs in people with no known family history, meaning you can't be complacent even if there isn't any history in your family.

There is no absolute age cut-off for screening colonoscopies: Age 75 might be reasonable in someone who really doesn't want to have another and whose previous results have all been normal, but I would be unlikely to recommend a screening exam in a person older than 85. People who have serious medical

conditions outside the intestinal tract get less benefit from screening.

Age 73 is not so old that I would recommend against screening in otherwise healthy people, and given that you have had eight polyps, I definitely recommend a three-year follow-up. I don't know why the gastroenterologist said one year, based on the reports you sent me.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm 59 and have a pea-sized osteoma near the top-middle section of my forehead. My grandmother had one in the same place and never got it removed. It grew to be the size of an egg! I want to have mine removed before it gets any larger (it's doubled in size over the past three years). What do you recommend? — J.K.

ANSWER: An osteoid osteoma is a common benign tumor of the bone. They often occur in the thigh or leg, but the forehead is not unusual and, of course, is cosmetically important. Most do not grow and, in fact, more commonly shrink over time.

I've not seen an osteoma get as big as your grandmother's, and I can understand why you would be concerned. It is very reasonable to get an evaluation. An orthopedic surgeon with special expertise in bone tumors is a good person to see, and some plastic surgeons also have expertise in removing bone tumors in such a way as to provide the best cosmetic result.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Answer

SEATS	S	SELVES
SLANG	E	ANGELS
PARTY	N	PANTRY
LUCAS	A	CASUAL
TRIED	C	DIRECT
HEALS	A	ASHLEY
DREAM	D	MADDER
LATER	N	RENTAL
SHEDS	A	SASHED
STALE	C	CLEATS

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

The Joys of the Food Bank

A few months ago I escorted three very nervous elderly ladies to the food bank. By "escorted," I mean I had to scout out the situation in advance, come back with a report (no, the food bank staff wouldn't ask embarrassing questions about finances) and then actually take the ladies to the food bank in my car to pick up their groceries.

Fast-forward a few months, and I've just learned that said ladies actually went to the food bank by themselves today ... and had a wonderful time.

You wouldn't think that "wonderful time" would be an apt description of a trip to a food bank, but they were delighted by the whole experience. For this pick-up, the food bank did things a different way: Having received an abundance of donations from various places, this time they invited their "guests" into the storage area and allowed them to pick out exactly what they wanted for their holiday meals.

One of the ladies chose a small turkey, another a turkey breast to be made into sandwiches and pot pies, and the third a ham for future casseroles, knowing that they were going to split the bounty when they had holiday meals together. They negotiated their way up and down the storage area aisles, accompanied by a friendly staffer, chatting about potential recipes and collecting a wider variety of foods than each would get individually during a typical food pick-up.

I'm told I will be a recipient as well: I am invited to share their meals when they carve the turkey, make the sandwiches and turn the ham into delicious casseroles as my reward for having introduced them to the joys of the food bank.

The food bank is to be lauded for their largess this holiday season. They might never know just how happy they made those three ladies.

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1. What did "Where the Action Is" and "American Bandstand" have in common?
2. Did Gary Puckett & The Union Gap ever have a No. 1 hit single?
3. Who had the most success with "The Tide Is High"?
4. Which artist went on the Who's That Girl World Tour?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I keep a close watch on this heart of mine, I keep my eyes wide open all the time."

Answers

1. The television musical programs were both created by Dick Clark, with Clark hosting "Bandstand" from 1956 to 1989. He never appeared on "Action," only doing remote announcing of the bands.
2. Once, but it was in the U.K., when "Young Girl" topped the charts in 1968.
3. Blondie, in 1980. The original was released by the Paragons, in 1967.
4. Madonna, in 1987. Her first was the Virgin Tour in 1985.
5. "I Walk the Line," by Johnny Cash. He penned the song, about marital fidelity and avoiding temptation, in under an hour. It stayed on the charts for 43 weeks and, in 2014, ended up as No. 1 on the list of the 100 greatest country songs of all time.

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QCAP Opens Doors To New SW Community Center

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community. Families continue to make hard decisions about whether to pay their rent, their heating costs, or put food on their tables. We are thrilled to open our doors to this new Community Center as a resource in the neighborhood we have been serving since 1965. We cannot thank our supporters enough for helping to make this a reality for our neighbors in need."

More than a food pantry, the South West Community Center is a welcoming place to gather for cooking and nutrition classes, menu-planning workshops, family engagement activities, and more. The new Center is here to help during the holidays and beyond by providing assistance through monthly food orders, holiday meals and gifts, mobile food pantries and food delivery services.

"This new building will allow us to address the increased needs of so many residents, not just in South West Quincy but throughout the local area through mobile pantries and food delivery services launched in 2021 in response to both the pandemic and the long time problem of food insecurity," said Strollo.

Donations to the Center are welcome during the holidays and year-round. Food donations to QCAP's food center help to fill gaps caused by the increased need, and they help supply

the pantry with items that are more difficult to find such as cooking oils, spices, and coffee. There is also an ongoing need at the food center for donations of non-food items such as cleaning supplies, toilet paper, feminine products, soap, and toothpaste and toothbrushes. QCAP also encourages monetary donations at this time of year and can stretch every dollar donated to the food center to have the biggest impact on clients who are struggling with hunger.

"A donation to QCAP helps us ensure that households get healthy, nutritious food and other services like heating assistance that help families get by in very challenging times," says South West Community Center Director, Melinda Alexander.

The pantry at the Center is accessible to clients and donors five days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on Wednesdays when it is open from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to accommodate working families. For more information on the services the food center provides or donations needed, please call 617-471-0796.

QCAP also provides heating assistance to residents in Quincy, Braintree, Milton, and Weymouth. Heating assistance can help significantly reduce monthly bills, even if heat is included in the rent. For more information on this, please call 617-657-5301 or visit qcac.org/energy.

Rental assistance is also available through QCAP's housing program. QCAP has helped families avoid eviction through rental assistance funding and advocacy.

For more information on eligibility, please call 617-657-5376 or visit qcac.org/housing.

"We are thrilled to be opening the new Center that

will provide a place to turn for help when our neighbors face challenging times. This project would not be possible without the support of such a caring com-

munity. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our community, local elected officials, volunteers, and donors," Strollo said.



A NUMBER OF dignitaries were present for the ribbon cutting on Nov. 29, Giving Tuesday. Front row (from left): Mayor of Braintree Charles Kokoros, QCAP Board President Tim McAloon, House Speaker Ronald Mariano, Paul Connolly, Sen. John Keenan, Rep. Bruce Ayers. Second row: Linda Perry, Josephine Shea, Beth Ann Strollo, Mike Berry. Third Row: Board members Reverend Sheldon Bennett, Michelle Higgins, Maureen Ayers. Back row: Board members Doug Moseley, Nan O'Neill, Pat Packard and James Murdoch.

Photos courtesy Nicole Chaput Photography

Quincy Community Action Programs South West Community Center



PAUL AND PAT CONNOLLY surrounded by their family after the building dedication to Paul. Front Row: Kevin Connolly, Paul Connolly, Pat Connolly, Sandi & David Connolly. Back Row: Joseph, Kyra and Erin Connolly, Carol and Bryan Connolly.



SOUTH WEST Community Center was dedicated on Nov. 29 to Paul M. Connolly for his long-time service on behalf of the residents of South West Quincy. Speaking on behalf of QCAP's Board of Directors, Josephine Shea recognized Connolly for his "dedication to the South West Quincy community, his unwavering support of QCAP's Food Center and overall mission, and his steadfast belief that every person deserves to have their basic needs met with dignity."

Keep Holiday Greens Looking Their Best

By MELINDA MYERS

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is

starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds

and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products.

Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery



WHEN OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES are cooler, green arrangements, like this winter container garden, last much longer than indoor displays. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and

wind where they suffer less drying.

Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Presentation On German U-Boats In WWII At Crane Library Dec. 19

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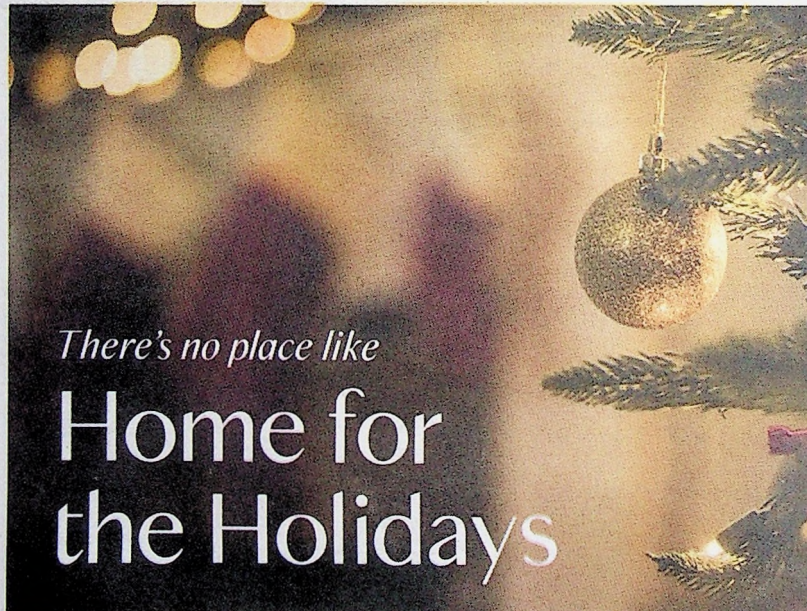
some 600 miles from land in the Atlantic – then turned around and started saving the passengers from shark attacks, drowning, and exposure.

Why?

This special presentation at the Thomas Crane Public Library is based on O'Leary's upcoming book from Little Brown Publishers. Using PowerPoint

images of the real people and vessels involved, this one-hour program discusses the technology of German U-boats, the strategic decisions that sent the *Laconia* to sea alone, and how two lifeboats of survivors drifted all the way to Africa.

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